



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Sheriff Troy J. Knudson  
Chief Deputy Craig L. Strouse



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## A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF FELL



Dear Citizens of Rock County:

As 2022 came to a close, the Sheriff's Office experienced some dramatic changes. With the retirement of Sheriff Troy Knudson, I am proud to step into the role of Rock County Sheriff and help lead our agency forward. I worked with Troy in many capacities over the years and appreciated the ideas he brought forth; most notably, the approval for the construction project at the Sheriff's Office.

While commonly referred to as the "Jail Project", this project includes new areas for utilization by both sworn and civilian staff. It will modernize law enforcement functions, remodel areas of the jail, and provide replacement housing for almost two hundred inmates serving their time in the Pinehurst Building.

These changes reflect the replacement of an almost 100-year-old Tuberculosis Sanitarium (Pinehurst Building) that has served as our law enforcement hub as well as the secured area for two hundred inmate beds. The building was never designed to house prisoners or serve as a law enforcement function. The existing building certainly shows its age and lack of capacity. This building was slated to be replaced several times in the last twenty years but had been pushed further and further along until now. The new facility will allow us to better serve the needs of our community on the law enforcement side, more humanely house our inmates, and enhance the work environment of our staff.

Sheriff's Office staff strive to live up to our motto, "Tradition of Service", that is proudly displayed on our squads and is something that all of us work toward each day. I want to express my appreciation for Sheriff Knudson's leadership over the years and wish him well in his retirement.

Sincerely,

Curtis N. Fell

Sheriff

# MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

## HUMAN LIFE

We revere human life and dignity above all else.

## INTEGRITY

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

## LAWS AND CONSTITUTION

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

## EXCELLENCE

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

## ACCOUNTABILITY

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

## COOPERATION

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

## PROBLEM SOLVING

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

## OURSELVES

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

# EXECUTIVE COMMAND STAFF



## **TROY J. KNUDSON, SHERIFF**

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



Grace Becker  
Administrative Secretary  
Retired 06/06/2022



## **CRAIG L. STROUSE, CHIEF DEPUTY**

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



Regina Holmberg  
Administrative Secretary



## **ERIK D. CHELLEVOLD, COMMANDER CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

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



## **JUDE G. MAURER, COMMANDER LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

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

# PERSONNEL POSITIONS

1.00	Sheriff
1.00	Chief Deputy
2.00	Commander
6.00	Captain
19.00	Sergeant
6.00	Detective
63.00	Deputy Sheriff
2.20	Deputy Sheriff (PT)
6.00	Correctional Supervisor
81.00	Correctional Officer
1.00	RECAP Site Supervisor
1.00	Financial Office Manager
1.00	Administrative Secretary
2.00	Secretary II
3.00	Secretary I
16.00	Administrative Assistant
1.00	Payroll Specialist
2.00	Account Clerk III
1.00	Analyst
1.00	Treatment Coordinator
.45	Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor
.30	Vehicle Maintenance Technician
.30	Investigative Assistant
217.25	Total Employees

# RCSO EMPLOYEES

## SHERIFF

**Knudson**, Troy J.

## CHIEF DEPUTY

**Strouse**, Craig L.

## COMMANDERS

**Chellevoid**, Erik D.

**Maurer**, Jude G.

## CAPTAINS

**Burdick**, Aaron K.

**Coulter**, Doug A.

**DeRemer**, Brent S.

**Fell**, Curtis N.

**Litsheim**, Kimberly A.

**Thompson**, Mark E.

## SERGEANTS

**Amador**, Maria D.

**Beutin**, Caleb A.

**Brown**, Nicholas W.

**Falk**, Peter J.

**Jacobson**, Matthew A.

**Kohler**, Shena J.

**Krahn**, Christopher J.

**Lund**, Joshua J.

**Natter**, Shawn M.

**Ooms**, Ryan A.

**Reed**, Andrew P.

**Rossmiller**, David E.

**Rowley**, Clint T.

**Schauer**, Michael A.

**Scott**, Robert R.

**Skatrud**, Kevin S.

**Solturas**, Joshua J.

**Westness**, Gregory N.

**Williams**, Jay M.

## DETECTIVES

**Bilhorn**, Corene J.

**Cowan**, Charles R.

**Douglas**, Beau R.

**DuCharme**, Luke A.

**Reilly**, Brent D.

**Shaw**, Dwayne E.

## DEPUTIES

**Adams**, Jeff T.

**Albeck**, Erik A.

**Albeck**, Margaret T.

**Aldrich**, Chadwyck R.

**Anacker**, Zachary J.

**Arneson**, Jacob L.

**Barr**, Anthony J.

**Barrett**, Kaitlyn

**Bennett**, Neil J.

**Berberich**, Kurt M.

**Berg**, Steven R.

**Bittorf**, Ryan C.

**Blocker-Nelson**, Ra'Shan A.

**Boeche**, Niles R.

**Bordner**, Kristina M.

**Borgwardt**, Michael A.

**Borgwardt**, Terry M.

**Christidis**, Mathew J.

**Cisneros**, Eric C.

**Cliffe**, David M.

**Davis**, Brandon A.

**DeBoer**, Nathan W.

**Diaz**, Jacob S.

**Dietzel**, Austin R.

**Dodge**, Donavon T.

**Fell**, Joshua J.

**Fuentes**, Monica

**Gawlick**, Matthew E.

**Harding**, Jason C.

**Hasseler**, Christopher A.

**Hathorn**, Kyle D.

**Jackson**, Lee R.

**Knutson**, Darrell C.

**Kunkel**, Kyle T.

**Laufenberg**, Jason W.

**Leisher**, Robert

**Lochner**, Christopher L.

**London**, Bradley C.

**Lund**, Trevor M.

**Lyga**, Kevin D.

**McIntosh**, Preston C.

**Merrick**, Daniel J.

**Michalski**, Matthew R.

**Miller**, Emily L.

**Montag**, Ryan A.

**Nouansacksy**, Viengkhone

**Nugent**, Corey M.

**Peters**, Allen W.

**Peterson**, Joshua M.

**Raby**, Zach A.

**Riemer**, Benjamin J.

**Ruosch**, Brennon L.

**Salazar**, Jesus

**Scott**, Christopher A.

**St. Michael**, Cody A.

**Stalker**, Morgan R.

**Streuly**, Curtis L.

**Valencia**, Samantha L.

**Walsh**, Cole R.

**Wenger**, Ross D.

**Wescott**, Jason A.

**Whitehead**, Garrett L.

**Wilson**, David C.

## DEPUTIES (PT)

**Aubrey**, Brian D.

**Christiansen**, Todd A.

**Marquardt**, Kenneth J.

**Niles**, Gregory J.

**Stalker**, Mike L.

**Steeber**, Scott M.

**Weberg**, Karl R.

## CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS

**Dodd**, Douglas K.

**Hoff**, Jeremy R.

**Mauerman**, Timothy

**Reilly**, Cory B.

**Wilson**, Erin W.

**Wulf**, Timberly A.

**Zweifel**, Megan C.

## CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

**Arneson**, Andrew J.

**Banks**, Dan R.

**Behm**, Justin H.

**Beisher**, Kenton M.

**Bendorf**, Riley W.

**Bown**, Walker A.

**Brassington**, Ryan D.

**Brown**, Jason T.

**Canalia**, Dylan M.

**Castaneda**, Yoselin

**Cleasby**, Jaysen A.

**Cleasby**, Jill M.

**Collins**, Kalyan J.



# RCSO EMPLOYEES

**Corwith**, Sara A.  
**Creed**, Harrison D.  
**DeRosier**, Michael A.  
**Donovan**, Elizabeth H.  
**Drescher**, Colton E.  
**Echeverria**, Josue  
**Ferraro**, Miranda M.  
**Fraser**, Steven M.  
**Funke**, Tyler C.  
**Gajdosik**, James R.  
**Gerber**, Jacqueline K.  
**Grice**, Ian R.  
**Griffith**, Ethan S.  
**Habeck**, Nicholas A.  
**Halvorsen**, Tim J.  
**Hansen**, Justin T.  
**Hillis**, Jordan M.  
**Hookstead**, Rebecca J.  
**Jones**, Brandon M.  
**Jones**, Matthew C.  
**Karstetter**, Janel K.  
**Kersten**, Marc A.  
**Khang**, Lingao  
**Kinnamon**, Cody J.  
**Knudson**, Jeffery A.  
**Kowalski**, Matthew J.  
**Kreuter**, Stephen A.  
**LaGrange**, Joey G.  
**Larkins**, Brent M.  
**Larson**, Robert E.  
**Lucas**, Jenise M.  
**Maloney**, Andrew T.  
**Mansfield**, Christy M.  
**Mareno**, Kyle J.  
**Mau**, Caitlin V.  
**McElroy**, Amanda L.  
**Meyer**, Dennis J.  
**Meyers**, Gage K.  
**Mikel**, Aaron J.  
**Miller**, Matthew J.  
**Miller**, Sydney P.  
**Miller**, Vanessa B.  
**Morris**, Aaron L.  
**Murillo-Solis**, Geovanny  
**Myher**, Steven L.  
**Nelson-Mareno**, Cory A.  
**Quade**, Tyler J.  
**Quick**, Zachary S.  
**Rowekamp**, Maia J.  
**Ruble**, Rory L.  
**Schilt**, Corey W.  
**Schuler**, James L.

**Seichter**, Alex J.  
**Shelby**, Logan X.  
**Sime**, Brandon M.  
**Simler**, Nicholas M.  
**Simon**, Christopher J.  
**Simonson**, Ryan J.  
**Spors**, Robert T.  
**Techmeier**, Shannon L.  
**Uschan**, Tyler D.  
**Weberg**, Craig A.  
**Weir**, Stephen R.  
**White**, Mackenzie E.  
**Wiessinger**, Kyle M.  
**Wilson**, Bryce C.  
**Wimmer**, Nicholas M.

## RECAP SITE SUPERVISOR

**O'Connor**, Jason R.

## FINANCIAL OFFICE MANAGER

**Wilson**, Michelle C.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

**Becker**, Grace M.  
**Holmberg**, Regina D.

## SECRETARY II

**Kowal**, Diane M.  
**Taft**, Kayla M.

## SECRETARY I

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

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

**Benedetti**, Kristy R.  
**Bittorf**, Lindsey K.  
**Brown**, Mariah A.  
**Esquivel**, Lucia  
**Firkus**, Cristine M.  
**Flippin**, Alice R.  
**Gajdosik**, Janice L.

**Jackson**, Sherry S.  
**Johnson**, Christopher L.  
**Johnson**, Jeanette I.  
**Krause**, Sharon E.  
**Miller**, Christine A.  
**Moore**, David J.  
**Salazar**, Amber L.  
**Steed**, Michelle A.

## PAYROLL SPECIALIST

**Wollslair**, Laura C.

## ACCOUNT CLERK III

**Hall**, Cheryl I.  
**Riemer**, Kristen M.

## ANALYST

**LaMendola**, Andrew J.

## TREATMENT COORDINATOR

**Sandoval**, Verence E.

## VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR (PT)

**Schumacher**, James A.

## VEHICLE MAINTENANCE TECHS (PT)

**Furseth**, Jon J.  
**Pyne**, Matthew N.

# 2022 PERSONNEL CHANGES

## APPOINTMENTS

Grice, Ian	Correctional Officer	January 24, 2022
Creed, Harrison	Correctional Officer	February 21, 2022
Sandoval, Verenice	Treatment Coordinator	March 7, 2022
Wiessinger, Kyle	Correctional Officer	March 7, 2022
Funke, Tyler	Correctional Officer	March 15, 2022
Beisher, Kenton	Correctional Officer	March 15, 2022
Geske, Michael J.	Correctional Officer	March 16, 2022
Schumacher, James	Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor	April 4, 2022
Drescher, Colton	Correctional Officer	May 2, 2022
Khang, Lingao	Correctional Officer	May 31, 2022
Miller, Vanessa	Correctional Officer	June 27, 2022
Brown, Mariah	Administrative Assistant	August 22, 2022
Wimmer, Nicholas	Correctional Officer	September 19, 2022
Canalia, Dylan	Correctional Officer	October 10, 2022
Rowekamp, Maia	Correctional Officer	November 1, 2022
Cooper, Paul	Vehicle Maintenance Tech	December 12, 2022

## PROMOTIONS

Wulf, Timberly	Correctional Supervisor	January 3, 2022
Mauerman, Timothy	Correctional Supervisor	June 12, 2022
Collins, Kalyn	Deputy	August 1, 2022
Shelby, Logan	Deputy	August 2, 2022
Knudson, Jeffery	Deputy	August 3, 2022

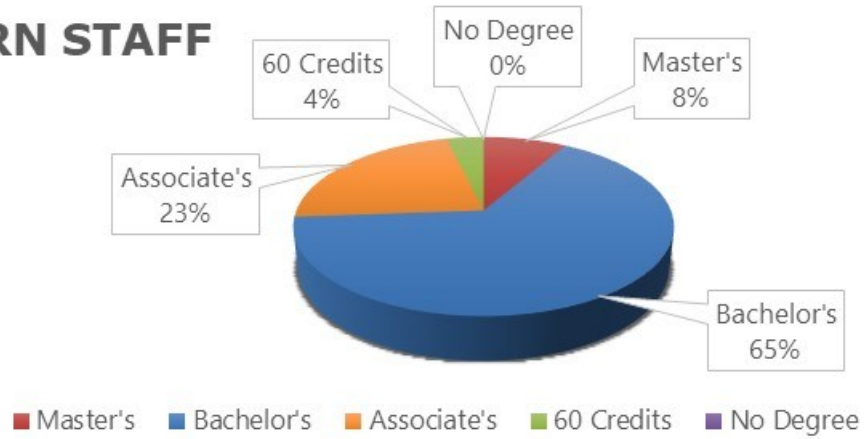
# 2022 PERSONNEL CHANGES

## RESIGNATIONS

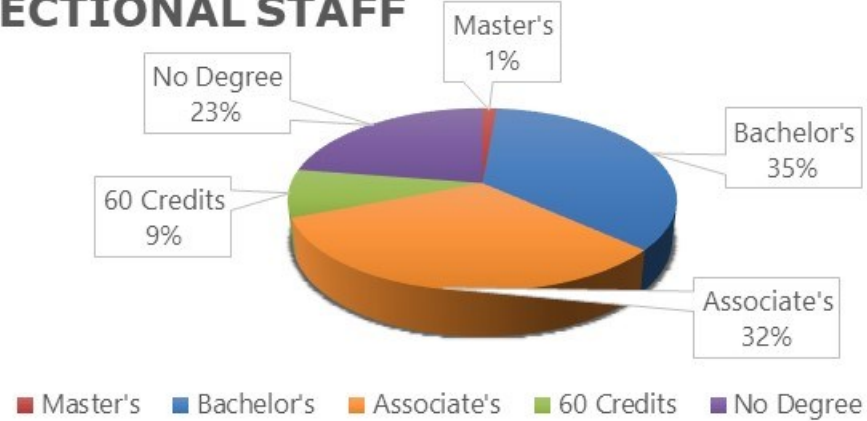
Titus, Kimberly	Correctional Officer	January 28, 2022
Murphy, Brian P.	Correctional Officer	February 12, 2022
Austin-Guilbault, April	Correctional Officer	March 4, 2022
Kettleon, Tammy	Administrative Assistant	April 29, 2022
Morris, Aaron	Correctional Officer	June 26, 2022
Geske, Michael J.	Correctional Officer	July 18, 2022
Meyers, Gage	Correctional Officer	July 28, 2022
Kowalski, Matthew	Correctional Officer	July 28, 2022
Murillo-Solis, Geovanny	Correctional Officer	August 2, 2022
Lucas, Jenise	Correctional Officer	September 22, 2022
Hookstead, Rebecca	Correctional Officer	October 10, 2022
McElroy, Amanda	Correctional Officer	October 21, 2022
Jones, Brandon	Correctional Officer	November 20, 2022
Larkins, Brent	Correctional Officer	November 21, 2022
Donovan, Elizabeth	Correctional Officer	December 1, 2022
Mau, Caitlin	Correctional Officer	December 2, 2022
Castaneda, Yoselin	Correctional Officer	December 23, 2022
Myher, Steven	Correctional Officer	December 25, 2022

# EMPLOYEE EDUCATION

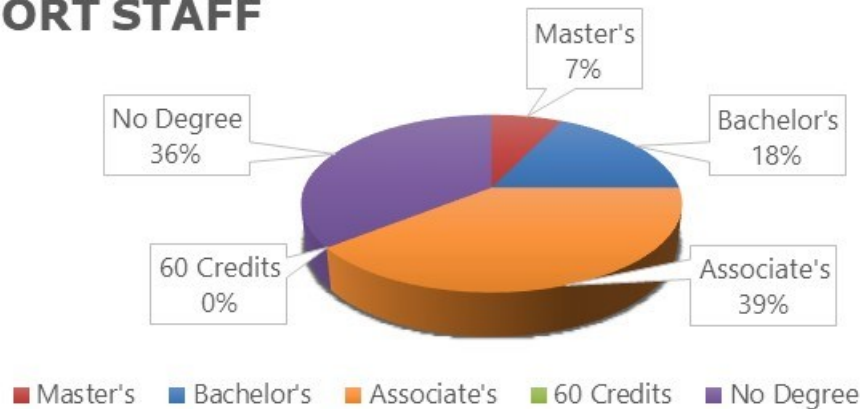
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## CORRECTIONAL STAFF



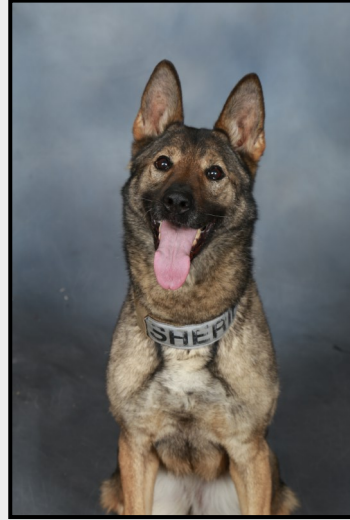
## SUPPORT STAFF



# 2022 RETIREMENTS



**TOM GEHL**  
Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor  
2nd RSCO Retirement



**SASHA**  
K9 Deputy  
9 Years



**GRACE BECKER**  
Administrative Secretary  
26 Years



**ERIN WILSON**  
Correctional Supervisor  
18 Years



**JON FURSETH**  
Vehicle Maintenance Tech  
2nd RSCO Retirement

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

# 2022 Award Recipients

## DEPUTY OF THE YEAR



**Brandon Davis**

Deputy Brandon Davis started on January 4, 2016, as a Correctional Officer. He earned an Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College. He became a Deputy Sheriff on August 10, 2019. Deputy Davis presently works second shift in the Patrol Bureau. He also serves on the Honor Guard, SWAT Team, Domestic Violence Intervention Team, and Highway Interdiction Team. Deputy Davis is respected by his peers and supervisors and is always willing to assist other law enforcement officers. On March 3, 2021, Janesville Police Department (JPD) requested assistance stopping a reckless homicide suspect who was fleeing in a vehicle pursued by one JPD Officer. Deputy Davis responded and was able to get ahead of the pursuit. He successfully deployed stop sticks, which deflated all four tires of the fleeing vehicle, and ended the pursuit. Deputy Davis then assisted in the high-risk traffic stop. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

On August 21, 2021, Beloit Police Department (BPD) and the Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the scene of a shooting where multiple subjects exited a vehicle and shot multiple people. While responding, Deputy Davis saw the suspect vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed through a busy intersection. He got behind the vehicle and kept up with it. Deputy Davis, at great risk to his own safety, rammed the fleeing vehicle with his squad car multiple times. His squad became disabled, but the ramming caused enough damage to the suspect vehicle that police were able to catch up, stop the vehicle, apprehend all five suspects, and recover multiple firearms with high-capacity magazines.

Deputy Davis regularly attends advanced training to expand his knowledge and skills. He embraces community engagement by making positive police contacts with citizens and participating in community events. Deputy Davis received recognition as First Responder of the Year for the 44th Assembly District during a Hometown Heroes Ceremony at the State Capitol on October 26, 2021.

## CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**Matthew Jones**

Correctional Officer Matthew Jones started on April 13, 2015. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. Correctional Officer Jones currently works second shift in the Jail and is a leader amongst his peers. In 2021, he received outstanding performance reviews for two separate incidents where his application of lifesaving measures saved an inmate's life. He maintains a great attitude regardless of his workload or assignment. Correctional Officer Jones has outstanding attendance and demonstrates a strong work ethic and commitment to the Sheriff's Office. He has only used two days of sick time in seven years of employment. Correctional Officer Jones skillfully excels in any area of the jail and is often assigned as a booking officer. His dependability and high quality work set him apart. Correctional Officer Jones routinely submits complete booking files and reports that pass supervisor review without revision. On his award nomination, his supervisors noted that his fellow officers frequently seek his advice and opinion and that his supervisors value his input on jail operations. As a Jail Training Officer (JTO), Correctional Officer Jones

plays an integral role in the development of new Correctional Officers. Correctional Officer Jones excels at sharing his knowledge with new staff. He is very detail-oriented and prepares documentation that effectively communicates performance objectives to trainees. His positive attitude and thorough approach make him an ideal JTO.

# 2022 Award Recipients

## SUPPORT STAFF PERSON OF THE YEAR



**Tamera Kettleson**

Administrative Assistant Tamera Kettleson started on April 9, 2018, in the Emergency Management Bureau and remained in that position until April 29, 2022, when she became the Office Coordinator for the Rock County Facilities Management Department. Kettleson obtained an Associate in Applied Science in Medical Administrative Specialist from Blackhawk Technical College. Administrative Assistant Kettleson thrived in the Emergency Management Bureau and provided vital support to stakeholders throughout her tenure. Kettleson worked in the COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that was open for more than 400 days, serving as the Logistics Deputy Section Chief. She continuously managed the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Allocation Program and processed over 575 orders for PPE for Rock County non-profit organizations, schools, medical facilities, public safety agencies, nursing homes and assisted living centers, all County departments, local municipalities, and more. At a time when many worked remotely, Kettleson reported to the office and carried out her duties at an exemplary level. She also served as the Rock County Wisconsin Credentialing & Asset Management System (WI-CAM) Administrator, managing credentials for all emergency response agencies in Rock County. Kettleson completed extensive training in emergency management, incident command, EOC functions, disaster planning, and volunteer management.

## RETIRED SHERIFFS LEADERSHIP AWARD



**Erin Wilson**

Correctional Supervisor Erin Wilson started on June 3, 2004, as a Correctional Officer. Her uncanny ability to connect with those around her allowed her to excel as a corrections professional. She shared her knowledge and skills as a Jail Training Officer, In-Service Instructor, Hostage Negotiator, and Peer Support Leader. She regularly instructed Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training, Avoiding Inmate Manipulation, and Suicide Prevention. She even taught CIT to law enforcement administrators from across the state through WILENET on four occasions. She earned the respect and trust of her colleagues and developed camaraderie within the jail. She received a promotion to Correctional Supervisor on March 3, 2019. Correctional Supervisor Wilson has supervised third shift in the jail and most recently the Classification Unit. She embodies perseverance, positivity, and compassion. Her impact on the Sheriff's Office resonates with all who served with her. Correctional Supervisor Wilson is a mentor for many and a natural leader. Her sound and practical decisions have been paramount to jail operations. Correctional Supervisor Wilson has dedicated her career to improving the Sheriff's Office through professionalism, hard work, and leading with her heart. Her open door approach and investment in staff truly supports them as employees and people. Correctional Supervisor Wilson is the epitome of leadership and an inspiration to us all. Correctional Supervisor Wilson has contributed so much to everyone around her, making her the clear choice for this award.

# 2022 Award Recipients

## LIFESAVING AWARDS

### Correctional Officer Richard Plach

On October 21, 2021, at 10:12 a.m., while conducting a security check of the Medical Unit, Correctional Officer Richard Plach noticed that the inmate in cell M-7 was having a medical emergency. Correctional Officer Plach immediately called for additional staff and entered the cell. The inmate appeared to be breathing, but was unresponsive. Correctional Officer Plach took immediate lifesaving actions, rolling the inmate on their back, checking for a pulse, and checking for breathing. He administered a sternum rub to the unresponsive inmate, causing the inmate's eyes to flutter. The inmate remained unresponsive. Correctional Officer Plach continued to render aid until Nurse Brandi Malcook arrived and took over. Correctional Officer Plach's diligence conducting the security check led to the detection of a significant medical issue with symptoms that could have been life threatening. His response saved the inmate's life.

### Deputy Christopher Lochner



On October 29, 2021, Deputy Christopher Lochner responded to an address in Harmony Township for a report of a pulseless non-breathing subject. Upon arrival, Deputy Lochner announced his presence and heard a distressed female's voice from a separate room. He entered the bedroom and observed an elderly woman cradling an unresponsive elderly male. Deputy Lochner rapidly assessed the dire situation and deployed the AED. The AED advised a shock. After the shock, Deputy Lochner immediately began CPR. After a cycle of CPR, the AED reanalyzed the subject and delivered a second shock. Deputy Lochner continued CPR until emergency medical services personnel arrived and took over. Deputy Lochner then spoke with the woman and gathered background information. The subject was transported to the hospital with a pulse, and Deputy Lochner drove the woman to the hospital. Deputy Lochner's quick thinking under stress and administration of CPR stabilized this man.

### Deputy Lee Jackson and Correctional Officer Dennis Meyer



On November 11, 2021, a Drug Court participant received a judicially mandated 8-hour sanction in the secure holding area of the Courthouse. Shortly after lunch, Correctional Officer Dennis Meyer was in Master Control monitoring cameras in the occupied cells when he noticed the participant laying on his side on the floor. Correctional Officer Meyer was familiar with this participant and knew that he always sleeps on the bunk. Correctional Officer Meyer went to the cell to check on the participant. He found the individual pale and unresponsive with agonal breathing. Correctional Officer Meyer radioed for Deputy Lee Jackson to bring NARCAN and an AED. Correctional Officer Meyer and Deputy Jackson started life saving

measures. After three doses of NARCAN, the participant became responsive. Emergency medical services personnel arrived and transported the participant to the hospital for treatment. Deputy Jackson then processed and photographed the cell and located cocaine. The awareness and actions of Correctional Officer Meyers and Deputy Jackson saved the participant's life.





# 2022 Award Recipients

## **LIFESAVING AWARDS**

### Deputies Kristina Bordner and Samantha Valencia

On February 6, 2022, at approximately 6:01 p.m., patrol personnel were dispatched to a residence in the Town of Rock for an unresponsive male. The individual was reported to be blue and stiff to the touch. Deputy Kristina Bordner and Deputy Samantha Valencia arrived on scene first and immediately started lifesaving measures. They performed chest compressions and utilized the AED. Deputy Bordner and Deputy Valencia continued these measures until fire and emergency medical services personnel arrived and took over. The individual was transported to the hospital and recovered. The quick and concise actions of Deputy Bordner and Deputy Valencia saved this man's life.

### Sergeant Andrew Reed and Deputy Kaitlyn Barrett

On February 25, 2022, at approximately 5:55 p.m., patrol personnel were dispatched to a residence in Janesville Township for a medical emergency. Deputy Kaitlyn Barrett arrived first. She assessed the male subject and recognized that the individual was experiencing agonal breathing from a medical issue. Deputy Barrett immediately began CPR on the unresponsive male and coordinated with responding personnel to have an AED brought into the residence. Sergeant Andrew Reed soon arrived with an AED. He opened and applied the AED, while Deputy Barrett continued CPR. The AED advised of a shock. The AED administered multiple shocks prior to and while emergency medical services personnel were present. The individual ultimately regained a normal heartbeat and began breathing. The calm, quick, and decisive actions of Deputy Barrett and Sergeant Reed saved the man's life.

### Sergeant Nicholas Brown, Correctional Supervisor Cory Reilly, Correctional Officers Riley Bendorf, Kalyn Collins, Nicholas Habeck, Jordan Hillis, Stephen Kreuter, Corey Schilt, and Bryce Wilson, and Nurse Taylor McNeff

On March 29, 2022, at approximately 12:45 p.m., Correctional Officer Ryan Brassington radioed for correctional staff to respond to D Unit for an overdose. Several personnel responded and located three unresponsive inmates within the section. Personnel determined this was an overdose situation and called for AEDs, oxygen, and NARCAN. The first inmate was found on the floor right inside of the section. Correctional Supervisor Cory Reilly evaluated this inmate and determined unresponsive. Correctional Officer Corey Schilt started sternum rubs and administered two doses of NARCAN. Correctional Officer Stephen Kreuter began CPR, and the inmate became responsive. Sergeant Nicholas Brown evaluated the second inmate and began chest compressions as Correctional Officer Kalyn Collins administered two doses of NARCAN. Correctional Officer Bryce Wilson prepared the AED as Correctional Officer Schilt administered a third dose of NARCAN. The inmate became semi-conscious prior to the administration of a fourth dose of NARCAN by Correctional Officer Schilt. The inmate was responsive prior to the arrival of emergency medical services personnel. Correctional Officer Riley Bendorf evaluated the third inmate as he checked for a pulse. No pulse was present, so he followed up with a sternum rub, with no reaction. Staff attached the AED, and Nurse Taylor McNeff started chest compressions, while Correctional Officer Jordan Hillis administered NARCAN. CPR continued. The AED advised and administered a shock. Correctional Officer Nicholas Habeck took over chest compressions as Correctional Officer Bendorf and Correctional Officer Hillis administered additional NARCAN. Nurse Taylor then took over chest compressions followed by Correctional Supervisor Reilly. The inmate became respondent after more than 10 minutes of care by correctional staff and prior to the arrival of emergency medical services personnel. The actions of these employees saved three inmates' lives.

# 2022 Award Recipients

## SHERIFF'S AWARDS

### Sergeants Shawn Natter and Nicholas Brown and Captains Kimberly Litsheim and Aaron Burdick



The Sheriff's Office committed to adopting a new policy manual in 2021 and accomplished this through the implementation of Lexipol's Custody Policy Manual. This project included entering all Correctional Services Division policies and procedures into Lexipol, linking Law Enforcement Services Division policies and procedures, and combining shared Administrative policies under one umbrella. This endeavor required significant time and effort from select supervisors beyond their regular

responsibilities and primary assignments. Captain Aaron Burdick and Captain Kimberly Litsheim along with Sergeant Nicholas Brown and Sergeant Shawn Natter completed the bulk of this process. This project required continued dedication as they faced difficult questions about current policies and procedures and conducted a critical analysis of every aspect of the Sheriff's Office. Their collective efforts resulted in a customized policy manual that best meets the needs of the agency and the community as a whole. They completed this massive undertaking as scheduled. Their work will guide Sheriff's Office staff well into the future.

### Administrative Assistant Christopher Johnson



Administrative Assistant Christopher Johnson started in this position on April 26, 2021, after serving as a Correctional Officer. Johnson was hired to maintain the scanning of vital records for the Sheriff's Office. With his initiative and drive, he took the position far beyond the parameters set. Johnson drew upon his corrections experience and explored areas for improvements within the agency. He sought to improve current methods, paperwork, and situations to provide better opportunities for the agency as a whole. He obtained approval to begin a few projects early on and has steadily increased his workload since. Notably, Johnson digitized a considerable amount of current records. This enabled a significant reduction in the records storage space needed in the building project. He completed the majority of this task within a few months, despite the

timeline of several years before the new building opens. Johnson's accomplishments in his short tenure as an Administrative Assistant are remarkable.

### Administrative Assistant Lindsey Bittorf



Administrative Assistant Lindsey Bittorf works as the liaison for the Sheriff's Office Body Camera Program. In this role, she manages data for approximately 175 body cameras. Data management encompasses retention, redaction, open records requests, and evidentiary requests from the District Attorney's Office. In the course of her duties, Bittorf identified and fixed issues within the program. She has been instrumental to the success of the Body Camera Program. Bittorf also assisted with the implementation of the Sheriff's Office digital evidence storage system. She collaborated with the software company for nearly a year to ensure the program's functionality. This is no small task, as it consists of all of the agency's digital evidence on a daily basis. Bittorf discovered software glitches that the software

company was unaware of until she brought them to light. Bittorf displays a strong working knowledge of the program and engages in a weekly meeting with the software development team to assist them with programming errors and features.

# 2022 Award Recipients

## UNIT CITATIONS

Second Shift Patrol: Deputies Zachary Anacker, Jacob Arneson, Kristina Bordner, Terry Borgwardt, Mathew Christidis, David Cliffe, Kevin Lyga, Jesus Salazar, Cody St. Michael, Samantha Valencia, and Cole Walsh

Rock County experienced a steep increase in frauds related to purchasing gift cards at local stores during 2019 and 2020. Several citizens fell victim to phone scams that prompted them to get gift cards to pay a fake warrant, fine, or late fee. The victims would provide the gift card number over the phone to the suspects, and their money would be taken. These scams affected all jurisdictions in Rock County. Deputies on Second Shift Patrol contacted all of the businesses related to this fraud and the local jurisdictions. They created information cards for store clerks to use to alert victims of potential fraud and distributed them to the businesses. In less than a week, it was reported that the information cards worked, and the usage of a card intervened in an ongoing fraud. Since the distribution of the cards, credit card frauds have dropped to near zero reporting. The coordinated efforts of these Deputies exemplified proactive policing to prevent crime.

Small Unmanned Aerial System (Drone) Team: Captain Aaron Burdick, Deputies Christopher Hasseler, Ross Wenger, and Jason Wescott, and Correctional Officers Steven Fraser and Aaron Mikel

The Rock County Sheriff's Office small Unmanned Aerial System (sUAS) Team deployed 25 times in 2021 for several types of operations, including accident reconstruction, crime scene documentation, high risk / tactical, and search and rescue. These operations vary in scale, but are vital to the overall mission of the Sheriff's Office. Notably, the successful utilization of drones led to the recovery of a missing man. On March 17, 2021, the sUAS Team responded to the area of Storrs Lake for a report of an overdue hiker. Over the course of a few days, Deputy Jason Wescott, Deputy Christopher Hasseler, and Correctional Officer Steven Fraser flew several flights to search Storrs Lake and surrounding trails, as well as Bowers Lake and surrounding trails. The drone pilots utilized drones equipped with a zoom camera and an infrared camera. On March 19, 2021, Deputy Wescott and Detective Brent Reilly spotted an object in the water of Bowers Lake on the drone feed. Deputy Wescott directed searchers in a boat to the area, where they located the missing man. Drones allowed staff to search several acres more efficiently, provided documentation of the operation, and resulted in closure to this tragic event.

ICAC Task Force: Detectives Corene Bilhorn and Luke DuCharme



In 2021, Detective Corene Bilhorn and Detective Luke DuCharme worked significant Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cases above and beyond their normal case load. A November 2020 case yielded over 300 images of child pornography and is still being prosecuted. An April 2020 case resulted in 45 suspected child pornography videos and over 1,000 suspected child pornography images. The suspect was referred for an arrest warrant. Another case entailed a man targeting juvenile females and grooming them to send him sexually explicit images and videos that he would then share with others. In total, over 313,000 sexually explicit and grooming messages sent to juvenile victims were located, and over 13,000 images

and videos of child pornography sent by the victims were recovered. This case ended in Federal Prosecution. A July 2021 case regarding child exploitation involved posting explicit images, videos, and information regarding juvenile children on social media platforms and sexual assaults of numerous juvenile boys. As a result of this case, two suspects are awaiting trial. Throughout, Detective Bilhorn and Detective DuCharme displayed the diligence and tenacity it takes to successfully investigate ICAC cases.

# 2022 Award Recipients

## UNIT CITATIONS CONTINUED

### 12/09/2021 Investigation: Sergeant Matthew Jacobson, Detective Corene Bilhorn, and Deputies Terry Borgwardt, Matthew Michalski, Margaret Schmidt, and Jason Wescott

On December 9, 2021, at approximately 6:08 p.m., patrol personnel from the Town of Beloit Police Department, the City of Beloit Police Department, and the Sheriff's Office were dispatched to 1905 South Porter Avenue in the Town of Beloit for a report of a gunshot victim. Shortly thereafter, a hospital called and reported three additional gunshot wound victims arrived at the hospital. The Town of Beloit Police Department requested that the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau, Bureau of Identification, and Special Investigations Unit respond and assist with the shooting investigation. The Detective Bureau and Special Investigations Unit interviewed several subjects, including shooting victims at four hospitals in Rock, Dane, and Winnebago, IL Counties. Detective Corene Bilhorn and Deputies Terry Borgwardt, Matthew Michalski, Margaret Schmidt, and Jason Wescott processed the crime scene and collected hundreds of pieces of evidence. They remained on scene for approximately 24 hours to complete the initial evidence collection process. Bureau of Identification staff continued to process the collected evidence at the Sheriff's Office for weeks following. This was a very complex scene that required a team effort. Their work ethic demonstrated their dedication to the community.

## CITIZEN AWARD



### Tony Farrell

Tony Farrell is well known in Rock County for his contributions to the community, and the Sheriff's Office is no exception. Farrell started working in suicide prevention during his military service and has continued suicide prevention efforts in Rock County for the past 52 years. He volunteers as the Director of the Rock County Suicide Prevention Network and the Director of the Rock County Safety Series. Farrell's musical expertise and work in the retail music business over the last 55 years provided countless opportunities for mentoring local youth. His family owns and operates Voigt Music Center, which has graciously loaned sound equipment to the Sheriff's Office for numerous events over the years. Farrell was a long-term volunteer for the Rock County Board of Supervisors and

assisted at many meetings. Farrell also served as a long-term volunteer Deputy Coroner for the Rock County Coroner Department. In this role, he assisted the Coroner and families in their time of need. He presently serves as the volunteer Outreach Coordinator for both the Rock County Medical Examiner's Office and the Rock County Health Department. The Sheriff's Office recognizes Farrell for his decades of selfless community service.

*Congratulations  
And  
Thank You  
To all our 2022  
Award Recipients!*





# CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION



Correctional Services Commander  
Erik Chellevoid



Secretary II  
Kayla Taft

The Correctional Services Division is staffed with one Captain, four Sergeants, six Correctional Supervisors, 69 Correctional Officers, and five Clerical Staff Personnel. At the start of 2022, we were hopeful that the difficulties and challenges we faced in 2021 were behind us. Returning to normalcy was a goal that we, like the rest of the world, were unable to achieve. The COVID-19 pandemic continued through the majority of the year, and adaptations for this invisible threat became commonplace within our walls.

As new guidelines from the county and/or CDC came out relaxing the protocols, the flexibility of the staff became evident. They quickly switched gears to develop a safe plan to allow for programming and for visitors to safely return to the facility. Meeting these challenges and accomplishing new initiatives would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of our exceptional workforce.

This past year we have seen unprecedented staffing issues. Adding to the staffing-related stresses were several retirements of long-term employees, many of whom had dedicated 20 plus years of service to our jail. Hundreds of collective years of experience retired from the jail in 2022. That level of long-term organizational loyalty is difficult to find in today's work culture.

Turnover is a constant challenge in the corrections field; however, 2022 was plagued with the inability to even find people to apply. Through these difficulties, we continued to strive to meet the mission of the Rock County Sheriff's Office in creating opportunities for safer communities. Administrative staff, with the assistance of Human Resources, attempted to simplify the hiring process in multiple ways. While some of those simplifications helped see a spike in applicants, they did not guarantee that people would be appropriate to add to our team. We maintained our high standards and ended the year in a positive direction.

Housing numbers have maintained all-time lows due to the Pandemic, but the job duties have not subsided. Our daily population average for 2022 was 314. This is in comparison to 272 from 2021 and 410 from 2019 (pre-pandemic).

2022 also brought new beginnings. We began construction of the building redesign project which will vastly improve the Rock County Jail, not only for the inmate population but for the staff as well. Although we have dealt with great difficulties this year, we are looking forward to the future and what it has in store for us.

Captain Kimberly Litsheim  
Jail Operations Bureau

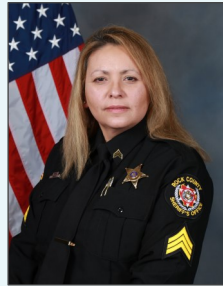
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## JAIL OPERATIONS BUREAU



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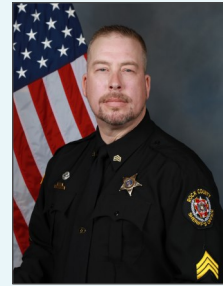
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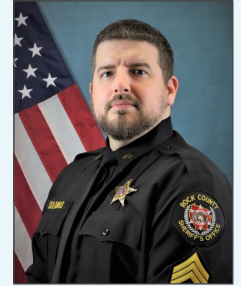
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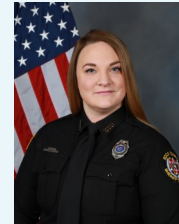
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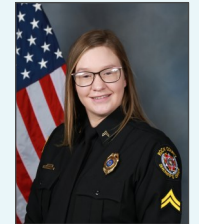
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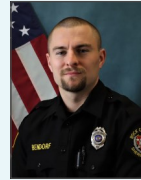
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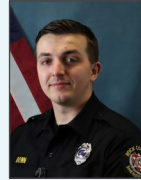
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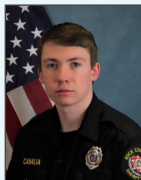
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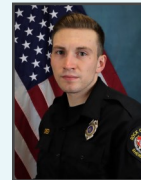
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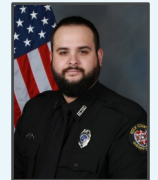
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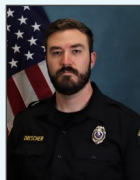
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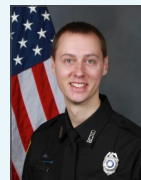
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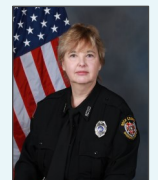
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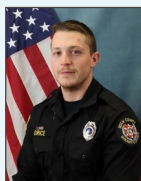
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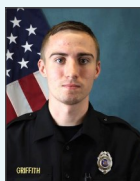
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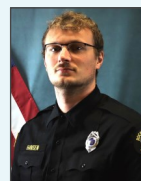
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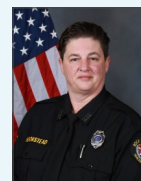
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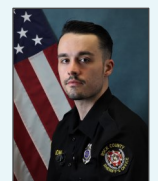
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## JAIL OPERATIONS BUREAU



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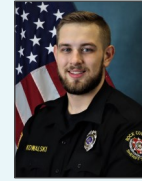
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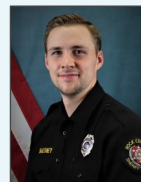
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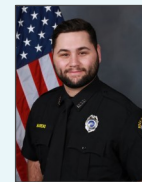
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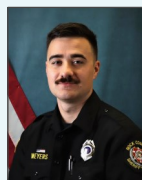
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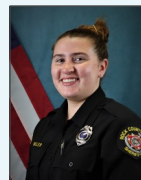
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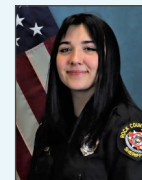
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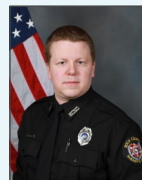
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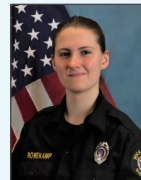
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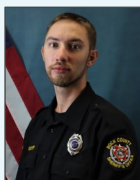
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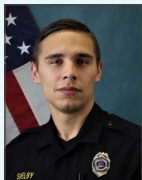
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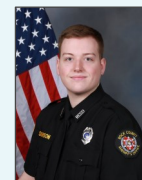
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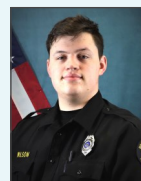
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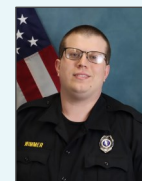
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## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS



Kristy Benedetti



Alice Flippin



Jeanette Johnson



David Moore

### **JAIL MEDICAL - ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE (ACH)**

The Jail Medical Department of the Rock County Sheriff's Office is run by Advanced Correctional Healthcare (ACH) nurses. The staff includes one nursing site supervisor, staff dedicated to covering 72 RN hours and 158 LPN hours per week, one medical records clerk, and two doctors. The nurses provide 24/7 care including days, nights, weekends, and holidays to the population of approximately 300 inmates. They all thrive to promote and improve inmates' overall health by means of education, treatment, and utilization of good nursing judgment.

During normal work hours, the correctional nurses provide care to inmate patients, coordinate and administer medications, assist the physician with medical procedures and treatments, provide wound care, process orders, respond to medical emergencies, make referrals to a dentist, and obtain specimens for diagnostic testing. The pandemic affected our medical team's day-to-day operations adding 4,941 COVID-19 tests and 52 vaccinations completed in 2022. In addition to testing, the medical staff cared for and monitored those who tested positive. A major part of a correctional nurse's job is ensuring that safety procedures are followed. Taking proper safety measures can be key in preventing the spread of disease, not only among the inmates but also among the facility's medical staff.

Correctional nurses must have excellent critical thinking skills, the ability to assess quickly and accurately, be able to make decisions independently, and have great interpersonal skills. They must also possess the ability to be empathetic while providing non-bias care to a special population. Our nurses need also to be able to cope with ethical dilemmas often such as the use of drugs and alcohol while pregnant, court-ordered medications, abortions, and all crimes.

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

In addition to medical care, ACH offers Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHP) at the Rock County Jail. The position has been an asset to the Rock County Jail, logging over 1,926 contacts in 2022, ranging from administrative segregation reviews to in-depth counseling services.

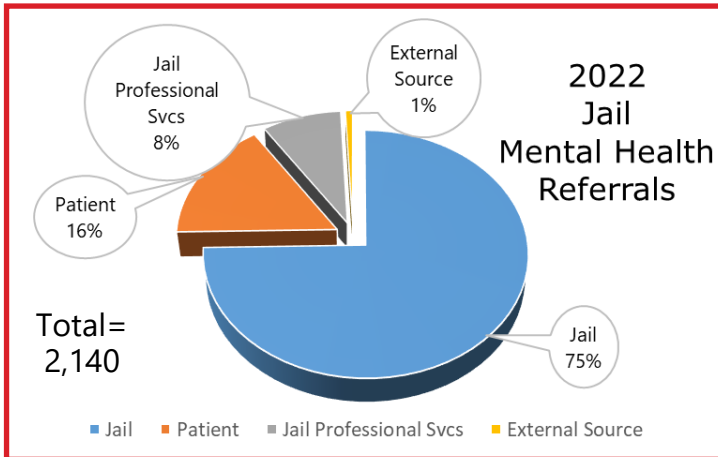
In 2022, ACH and the Rock County Jail expanded the Mental Health Services team to include an additional 40-hour full-time (QMHP) position as well as a part-time QMHP (as needed).

The Mental Health Professionals are responsible for providing mental health services to detainees while working directly with clients, team members, and facility staff, as well as maintaining a professional relationship with all staff and detainees.

Courtney Stewart, LPC  
Mental Health Site Manager

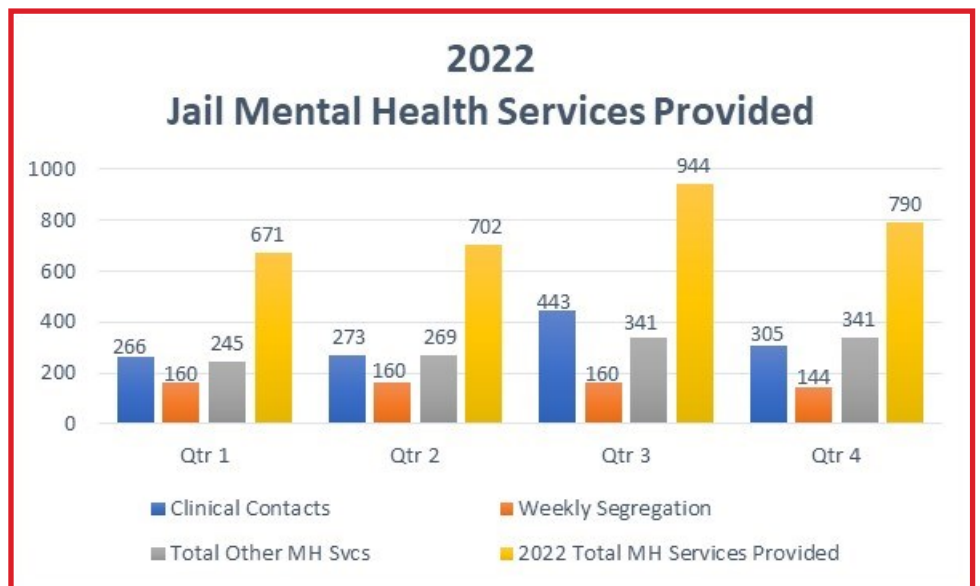


### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



2022 Overall Mental Health Contacts = 1,926

2022 Total Mental Health-Related Services = 2,963



### **JAIL KITCHEN - ARAMARK**

The Rock County Sheriff's Office has partnered with Aramark to provide the best possible nutrition options available. Not only do they supply meals to the inmates, they also offer a la carte items, commissary items, ICare packages, and Fresh Favorites. The Aramark team maintains a staff of five that have a combined total of over 125 years of food service experience, which includes a Food Service Director with a Food Management Professional accreditation. Over the last year, the team has delivered over 377,775 meals and has logged more than 48,708 hours through the Inmate Workforce Development Program. With supply chain and hiring challenges throughout the last year, the Aramark staff worked long hours to maintain their high standards as food service professionals.



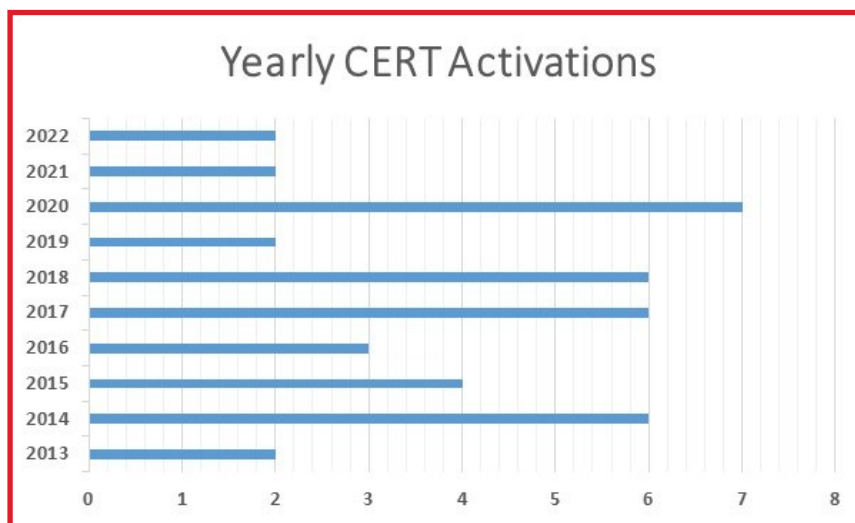
### **CORRECTIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM - CERT**

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) was established in 2010. The CERT team is trained in defense tactics and is used in dangerous and emergency situations. CERT is most commonly used in cell extractions and any situation that is dangerous for both our inmate population and staff. CERT members wear protective gear during all activations to protect both staff and inmates from injuries.

All CERT members are trained annually in non-lethal tactics including Taser and PepperBall. All CERT members practice on a regular basis. The goal of the CERT team is to gain compliance and a peaceful resolution to any situation.

In 2022, the CERT team was activated twice. In both incidents, the team was activated to respond to an inmate who was threatening staff. The outcome of each response was the same; each inmate complied with commands, and the situation was resolved without any force used.

CO Hillis



# JUSTICE POINT



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

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

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

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

JusticePoint submits Risk Reports for all defendants making an initial appearance or return on warrant during Jail Court. Between January 2022 and December 2022, JusticePoint submitted 2,124 Risk Reports for Jail Court. JusticePoint completed 97 LSI-R:SV screens for the Rock County Diversion Program. In 2022, 178 clients successfully completed Pretrial supervision, saving an estimated 50,784 jail days. At the time of this report, JusticePoint is currently assisting and supervising 175 pretrial clients in its Pretrial Supervision Case Management Unit.

Michael Gutjahr  
JusticePoint Program Director



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### **CLASSIFICATION**

Classification is an essential element of any correctional facility. The Northpointe Classification System is used at the Rock County Jail to provide an objective and subjective system to properly classify each inmate that is housed at this facility. The system is used to determine the level of custody required for each individual inmate, special needs, housing assignments, and participation in programming. There are currently three Classification Officers and one Classification Sergeant assigned to the department.

Every inmate goes through a classification process during their initial intake to the facility. The process evaluates mental/emotional stability, escape history, history of assaultive behavior, mental status, sexual aggressiveness or vulnerability, transgender inmates, age, need to keep separate, and past/present institutional behavior problems. Once all information has been gathered, Classification assigns the inmate their housing unit.

Each week the Classification team meets with jail administration, mental health, and medical personnel to review administrative segregation and punitive segregation inmate statuses. The Classification team also completes required classification reviews of each inmate at scheduled times due to legal status changes and behavioral issues along with 30-day PREA reviews to ensure inmates are safe while in custody at the Rock County Jail.

Covid created a large impact on inmate classification. Unit quarantines, inmate isolations, and off-street quarantines created housing challenges for Classification Officers to navigate.

Classification is tasked with various assignments and investigations throughout the year along with preparing for annual jail inspections from state and federal inspectors ensuring that the Rock County Jail is complying with all required standards.

CS Hoff

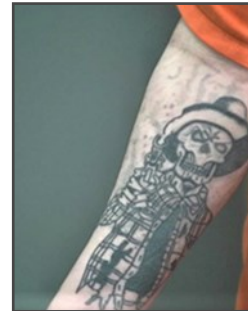


### **GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT**

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU) is a trained team of officers tasked with identifying gang members and gang activity within the jail and providing valuable criminal/gang intelligence to other law enforcement agencies. The GIU also provides assistance to prosecutors, probation and parole, and federal agencies. Currently the GIU consist of two shift-level gang officers that can be supplemented and assisted by three trained Classification officers under the guidance of Correctional Supervisor Hoff.



Previous RSCO inmate gang members on a video call.



Tattoo on the arm of a previous inmate gang member.

In 2022 the GIU assisted the Rock County District Attorney's office with valuable intelligence on the activities of gang members associated with high-profile cases. GIU operations are designed to mitigate gang activity within the Rock County jail and to ensure the safety and security of staff and inmates.

The GIU monitors for criminal intelligence and information associated with potential human trafficking. This criminal intelligence is then forwarded to the Detective Bureau or other agencies for further investigation.

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

Gang Intelligence is looking to expand and recruit new officers in 2023.

CS Hoff



Gang graffiti in the jail.



Captain Brent DeRemer



Administrative Assistant  
Lucia Esquivel

The year 2022 has been the third year full of challenges in the Community Corrections Bureau due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic concerns.

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

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

### **ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM**

The Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) is responsible for placing incarcerated inmates outside of the jail facility, in their homes, under home supervision monitoring by the use of electronic bracelets. These bracelets track their location by the use of Global Positioning Satellites (GPS) and Cellular Technology with the aid of computer program systems. These individuals must have Huber (work release privileges) and be approved by a supervisor. Once an individual is placed on EMP, they are allowed to work, attend church, stay in the family setting (family relationships) and give back to the community. With this privilege comes many rules and regulations that these individuals must follow to remain in the program. While on EMP, the Sheriff's Office has the ability to monitor their constant location and to control areas that these individuals are allowed into (inclusionary) and kept out of (exclusionary). This program offers a cost-effective way to impose sentences on offenders who are sentenced to the Rock County Jail with Huber. The fees are \$9.45 a day with a one-time administrative fee of \$52.75 per inmate, plus a \$5.00 fee for drug testing.

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

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office placed 398 individuals out on the EMP. When COVID-19 started to change things in 2020, the Sheriff's Office increased the number of individuals placed out on the EMP to lower the jail population with 398 admissions. The total average for the 2022 year was 33 admissions per month. This change has been effective in lowering the daily jail population.



### **WORKENDER PROGRAM**

The Rock County Workender Program was created to allow low-risk offenders out of jail to serve their sentence in a voluntary community service work program. The Rock County Sheriff's Office Workender Program is open to all sentenced inmates. Due to a recent change with the Rock County Circuit Courts and the Clerk of Courts, AWC's (Arrest Warrants and Commitments) are no longer being issued for fines/forfeitures. Individuals may also be court sentenced to the program or selected by the Workender Staff if the inmate meets specific criteria. This program is a winner for all entities involved. The Rock County Sheriff's Office does not need to house these individuals in jail, saving bed space. The inmate gets credit for a full twenty-four hours off their sentence for eight hours of community service work. In addition, the inmate gets a community service credit for one day off their sentence for every three days of community service scheduled work days. The taxpayers don't have to pay to house these individuals in jail (at a cost of \$109.00/day). Charitable, not-for-profit, and tax-based organizations/agencies are provided the help they need to complete necessary work in the community. The individuals also feel a sense of accomplishment as they give back to the community they harmed while committing crimes. Each Workender Crew is supervised by a Rock County Correctional Officer. Due to COVID-19, most individuals will meet at the outside community service work site where all social distancing and wearing of masks guidelines are adhered to, and the group is limited to less than ten individuals. In 2022, the Workender Program served twenty different organizations for a total of 1,626 hours and had 208 participants. At present, there are no fees to participate in the Workender Program. This program is also a cost-effective way to impose sentences on low-risk offenders that meet specific criteria for this program.

### **HUBER**

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

### **PROJECT LIFESAVER**

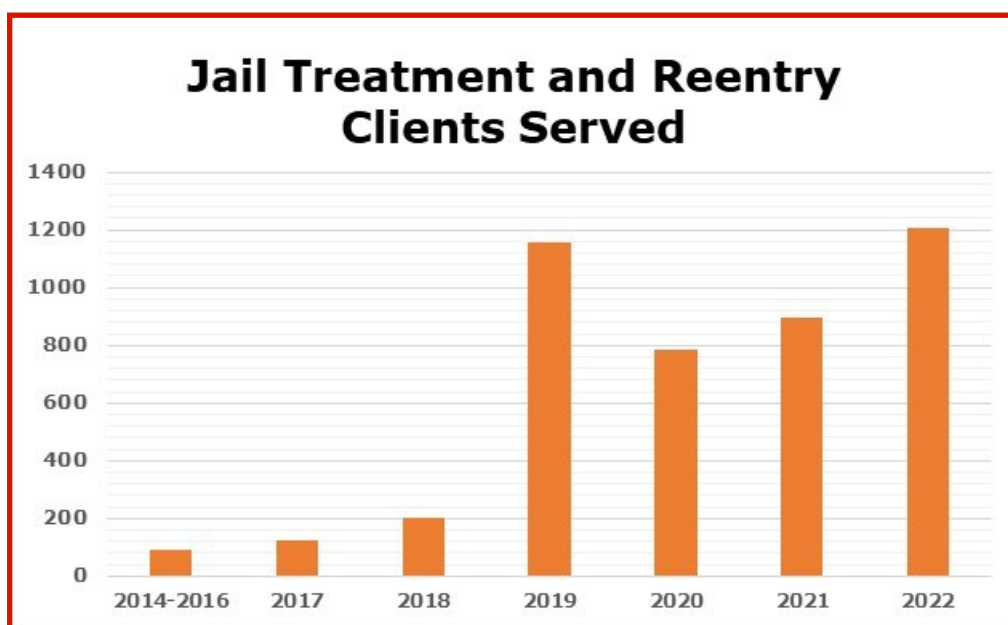
The Project LifeSaver Program is designed to assist families with individuals who have a history of wandering out of their homes due to cognitive disorders, Alzheimer's, Down syndrome, or Autism. This is a low-cost assistance program that places a small wristband on an individual that constantly relays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

Captain DeRemer

### REENTRY AND TREATMENT SERVICES

Jail Reentry is a program designed to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, behavioral health, and substance use treatment systems. It is the goal of Jail Reentry to increase individuals' access to mental health and other treatment services when releasing from the Rock County Jail into the community. The Jail Reentry team works closely with clients before their release to ensure they are linked to appropriate resources and services. Developing a sufficient release plan with clients increases their potential for success in the community.

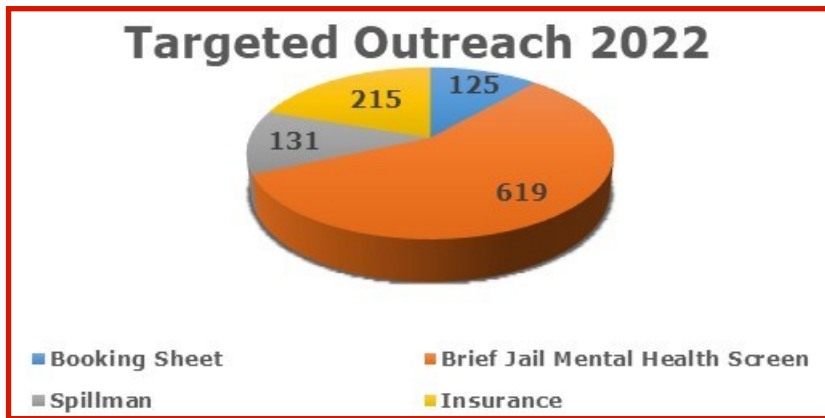
In 2022, the Jail Reentry program served 1,204 clients. One hundred fifty-eight clients were assisted with substance use disorder and mental health services. Of the 1,204 individuals, Jail Reentry communicated with 487 in written form, and 322 were face to face contacts.



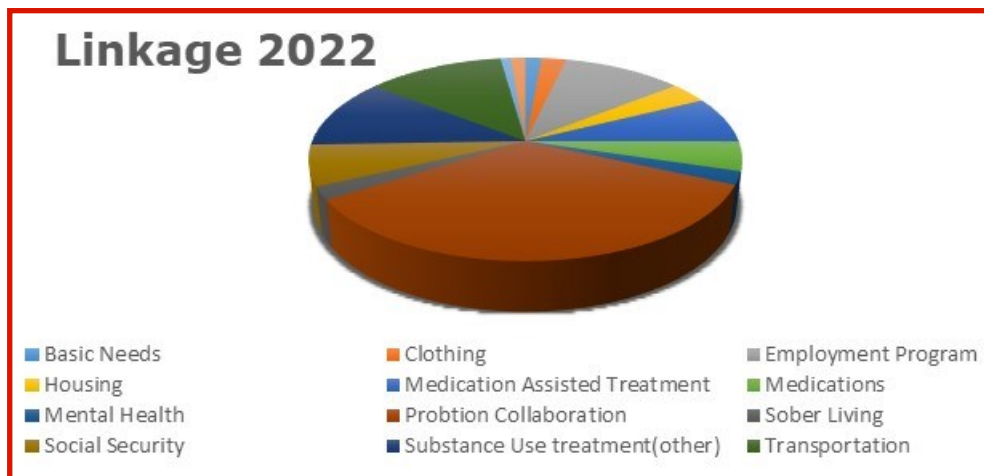
In 2019, the Jail Reentry program began providing qualifying individuals with Medicated Assisted Treatment in the form of Vivitrol for individuals with opioid use disorders. As of December 31, 2022, the Jail Reentry program has provided 158 injections to qualifying individuals. Of those 158 injections, 40 were given in 2022 which is an increase from 2021. In March of 2022, the Jail Reentry team collaborated with Advanced Correctional Health Care (the jail medical team) to begin providing Vivitrol to individuals who struggle with alcohol use issues. Eleven individuals have been given Vivitrol for their alcohol use issues since that time.

### REENTRY AND TREATMENT SERVICES

Jail Reentry currently receives around 5-10 inmate requests per day via inmate request slips or via the GTL Command messaging center. The Jail Reentry program outreach efforts continue, and individuals are now receiving a flyer upon intake with graphics to ensure all inmates, regardless of their level of literacy, will know what Jail Reentry offers. The team reached out to 395 individuals based on the Brief Mental Health Screen booking sheets. The Jail Reentry team responds to each referral in writing within 24 hours on business days. Jail Reentry also reaches out to clients who have previously been served; clients who arrive with possible substance use issues, and individuals who have a diagnosed mental illness. At around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, a pre-release packet is sent to clients who will be released within the next 30 days. These documents include instructions regarding reinstating their insurance, a Jail Reentry program evaluation, a letter explaining the discharge process, and an additional offer for resource or service linkage.



Linking clients to community programs became less difficult in 2022 as COVID-19 restrictions decreased. Jail Reentry collaborated with Probation/Department of Corrections 263 times in 2022, and the highest number of community referrals were sent to Project TREAT (55).



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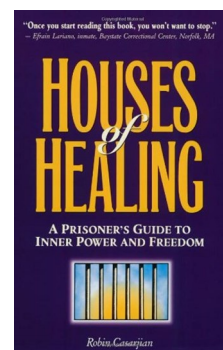
## IN-CUSTODY TREATMENT PROGRAM



Verenice Sandoval  
Treatment Coordinator

The Treatment Coordinator position for the In-Custody Treatment Program was filled in March of 2022. The objective of the Treatment Coordinator is to focus on addressing underlying issues that contribute to inmates' involvement in criminal activity. The Treatment Coordinator works collaboratively with Mental Health Services, Reentry and Treatment Services, Classification, and administrative staff to advance this goal.

The Houses of Healing group began in May of 2022 and is the first group to be implemented. Since the first announcement that a group opportunity was going to be available, 219 inmates have reached out expressing interest in joining the Houses of Healing group. Since May, 70 inmates have been accepted to participate in the group, and 39 have successfully completed the group. The Houses of Healing group utilizes a six-week curriculum that focuses on emotional literacy and learning mindfulness-based skills. This group helps teach inmates about what their feelings mean, why they feel them, how to navigate life when feeling them, and teaches the importance of implementing mindfulness into their daily routine. The group is offered to both males and females and meets twice weekly for one-and-a-half hours. The Houses of Healing group also has an assigned unit where all current and previous participants are housed together to promote a more positive and recovery-oriented environment for those participating in the program.



The Treatment Coordinator will continue to work toward expanding programming and offering more group options in 2023. Since April of 2022, we've been able to get several additional services up and running for inmates again. We currently offer weekly AA meetings, monthly NA meetings, weekly church services, and monthly visits from Mary the comfort dog to all inmates. We've also worked with ICS Solutions, our tablet provider, to add additional resources on the tablets including the Calm App and a list of all local resources individuals could possibly need prior to release from jail.

The Sheriff's Office applied for and received a Narcan grant through the Badger's State Sheriff's Association in collaboration with the state. This grant was implemented in May of 2022. The Grant allows any inmate releasing from the jail to receive a box with two doses of nasal Narcan. Since this program has been implemented, 56 individuals have been trained in how to administer Narcan in the event of an overdose and provided with Narcan prior to their release from the jail. In December of 2022, The Sheriff's Office collaborated with the Human Services Department and Addiction Medical Solutions of Wisconsin (AMS) to place a Narcan vending machine in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office. From December to the end of the year, the vending machine dispensed 211 boxes of Narcan. This vending machine is filled with Narcan that is free, easily accessible, and open to the public 24/7.

An MOU was created with Addiction Medical Solutions (AMS) in 2022 to begin working on expanding medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services for inmates who will be releasing soon. This would make medications such as Suboxone and Methadone available to individuals who are in our custody, in addition to our Vivitrol grant. This will help us continue to fight against the opioid crisis.

Verenice Sandoval

**IN-CUSTODY TREATMENT PROGRAM**



House of Healing session



Narcan Vending Machine



House of Healing participants

### RECAP



Sergeant Williams

The **R**ock County **E**ducation and **C**riminal **A**ddiction **P**rogram (RECAP) has been in existence for the past 29 years. The Program provides services to Rock County inmates who are either sentenced to the Program through the courts or referred by Probation and Parole as an alternative to revocation (ATR). RECAP is a five-month in-house drug and alcohol treatment program that focuses on the participants' addictions, provides educational services where needed, requires extensive community service hours, and assists the participant in reintegrating into society. Completion times may vary depending on individual disciplinary issues. Once all program requirements are met, a graduation ceremony is held to honor those who have successfully completed the program. Those who complete the program and are on probation are released to continue with probation and aftercare services. Those who complete and were sentenced to the program either get the remainder of their sentence stayed or can petition for full Huber and, if granted, be released on electronic monitoring for the remainder of their sentence.

The RECAP Program works with the Cooperative Educational Services Agency 2 (CESA 2), Blackhawk Technical College, and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC). CESA 2 provided the program counselor, and Blackhawk Technical College provided three teachers for the educational programming. The Department of Corrections continued to provide funding for RECAP services to participants there on ATR's. The Program's capacity for ATR's is typically 13 at any given time; however, we accepted more due to demand for the program.

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

#### Program Components:

- **Cognitive Intervention Program:** Thinking for Change (T4C)
- **Education:** Basic math, reading and writing, computer skills, employability training, parenting classes, and GED/HSED and/or continued education services
- **Restorative Justice:** Victim impact and crime reflection papers read aloud in a group setting along with a minimum of 85 hours of community service
- **AODA:** Seeking Safety curriculum and programming to include one-on-one and group counseling
- **Anger Management:** 12-lesson program used to reduce anger and understand the reason for anger (where it comes from)
- **Specialized Services:** As needed and where appropriate

#### Program Statistics:

The RECAP Program had 52 participants start in 2022, and we served a total of 75 participants throughout the year. During 2022, 43 participants graduated, two quit the program, and eight were terminated for various disciplinary reasons.

Blackhawk Technical College offered the following courses to RECAP participants: Employability, Health, Parenting, Reading, Computers, Written Communication, Mathematics, College Readiness and GED Preparation. According to Blackhawk Technical College, 33 participants began the program with high school completed. There were 19 participants who continued working toward their high school completion. Twenty-nine participants showed measurable increases in TABE test scores upon completion of RECAP. Blackhawk Technical College began GED testing during 2022 and will continue to provide testing for both RECAP and general population inmates in 2023.

### RECAP

RECAP participants completed a total of 6,218 community service hours in 2022. Most of the hours (2,300) were done in the RECAP Garden. All other hours were spread out across various not-for-profit organizations throughout Rock County, at the Rock County Jail complex, and at the Highway Shop cleaning and detailing various department vehicles.

### Canine Corrections Academy



RECAP Site Supervisor  
Jason O'Connor and Ike.

The Canine Corrections Academy is a program where select RECAP participants are chosen to work with a dog from the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin and teach it skills related to obedience and socialization. The dogs live on the unit with the participants, and both work with a volunteer dog trainer to ready the animal for the Canine Good Citizen Test. Once the dog passes, it is ready to be adopted into a forever home. We worked with four dogs throughout 2022. One completed the program and was adopted shortly thereafter; one was adopted after being in the program for a period of time; and two were removed due to the jail environment not being conducive to their personality.

### RECAP Garden

The RECAP Garden is a 1½ acre plot dedicated specifically to the program, and the garden is maintained exclusively by volunteers and the RECAP participants. Produce from the garden is donated to food pantries and outreach centers throughout Rock County. The year 2022 turned out to be great year in the garden, and we were able to donate a lot of produce to the community. The participants learned a great deal from working in the garden, and it was a benefit for them and the community at large.

The annual Farm to Table Dinner continued in 2022 and was once again a huge success. The event was held within the RECAP Garden in September, and we had close to 120 guests attend. The gourmet 5-course meal, live music, and great conversation was an excellent way to close out the summer as fall quickly followed.

Sergeant Williams



## DRUG COURT

### Overview

- The program is partially funded through a Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance and matching county dollars. A purchase order through the Department of Corrections also provides funding for probation referrals.
- There is a cooperative agreement and partnership between the Rock County Courts, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Rock County Human Services and the Department of Corrections.
- Participants enter through a post-conviction plea and agreement between the District Attorney's Office, which is then presented to the court for approval, OR through a referral by the Department of Corrections as an alternative to revocation (ATR).
- Upon successful completion of the program, the participant may have their charges dismissed or significantly reduced OR avoid prison time for those entering through an ATR.
- The program is designed to provide treatment to participants with substance abuse and, if applicable, co-occurring disorders, which often result in criminal activity and arrest.
- The program consists of five phases and lasts a minimum of 14 months.
- An in-house case management model is administered by the Rock County Human Services Department.
- Random drug and alcohol testing is conducted, which is continuous throughout time in program.
- Incentives and sanctions are used throughout the program.
- Court follows state and national best practice and evidence-based models.

### Treatment

- Substance Abuse Dependency (SUD) Programming and treatment
- Cognitive Interventions: Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)
- Relapse Prevention
- Anger Management
- Individual and group/family counseling
- Referral services for employment, housing, education, and any specialized needs such as detoxification and in-patient and/or residential services (if needed)
- Mental health and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as necessary, which is provided by an in-house doctor
- Aftercare services



### Drug Court

#### Program Statistics

In 2022, the Drug Court program was less affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we were able to completely move back to having all related court and programming services held in-person. Toward the end of 2021, Rock County Human Services moved into their new space on Center Avenue, which allowed for much more flexible and inviting spaces for program participants continuing into 2022.

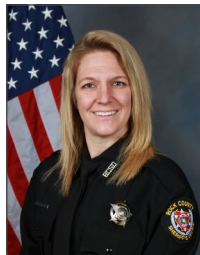
The Drug Court program had 20 new participants enter, in addition to those already being served. Eight participants successfully completed and graduated from the program, and 16 participants were terminated for various reasons. The majority of terminations were for absconding more than 30 days and/or continued and on-going program violations. Of those who graduated in 2022, there were 2,000 jail days averted and 5,756 prison days averted due to their participation in the program. Since the program began in 2007, there are 365 participants who have successfully completed the program and 148,941 jail and/or prison bed days saved.

Sergeant Williams



Kyle Wohlust, second from right, graduated from Drug Court 8/12/2022. He's pictured here with Judge McCrory, his son, mother and case manager.

### OWI TREATMENT COURT



Deputy Miller

The Rock County OWI Treatment Court (OWI Court) is for individuals seeking treatment after being arrested for their third, fourth, or in some cases fifth OWI. All participants must reside in Rock County and are evaluated to ensure they are clinically appropriate for the program.

The participants of OWI Court receive treatment for a variety of issues affected by their substance use and receive a shorter period of incarceration. This program benefits everyone by increasing the number of sober drivers in the community. In addition, shorter incarceration periods lead to less strain on local taxes.

#### TREATMENT AND PROGRAMS

The Rock County OWI Treatment Court is an intensive program which takes a minimum of 14 months to complete. Participants are screened before starting and are required to have moderate to severe substance abuse disorder. Once accepted into the program, the participants sign a contract and are placed on probation.

While in the program, participants are required to attend court on a weekly to monthly basis, based on their progress in the program. They are also required to participate in all treatment recommendations. This can include residential inpatient care for individuals who need it. Participants attend group therapy sessions, individualized one-on-one therapy sessions, and meetings with their probation officer.

In 2020 and 2021, due to the pandemic, many of the meetings were done virtually. In 2022, nearly all meetings went back to being in person. The court hearings are a virtual hybrid. Participants who are new to OWI Court, or who are struggling, are required to report in person. Those individuals who have progressed to phase two and have no violations since their previous court session are allowed to report virtually.

Participants are required to provide random drug tests throughout the program and are to provide breath samples multiple times throughout the day to show the participant is and has remained sober throughout.

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

The following are some of the evidence based treatment programs available:

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

#### PARTNERSHIPS

The Rock County OWI Treatment Court is comprised of representatives from different fields including a Rock County Circuit Court Judge, a Rock County Sheriff's Office Deputy, an Assistant District Attorney, and a Public Defender. Additionally, the team also has a Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst, three Rock County Human Services employees (a Therapist, a Counselor and a Supervisor) and three employees from the Department of Corrections, (two Probation Officers and a Supervisor.) The representatives meet together weekly to discuss the successes and set backs of the participants and decide the most appropriate incentives, sanctions, and therapeutic responses to assist the participants in completing the program and maintaining their sobriety.

#### STATISTICS

The Rock County OWI Treatment Court was established in 2012 and has had 183 participants since its start. There are 32 current participants, and 151 have exited the program. Of those who have exited: 119 have graduated and 28 have been terminated. There are four others who did not complete the program due to unforeseen circumstances. In 2022, 28 participants joined those already in the program, 15 graduated, and six participants were terminated from the program due to continued program violations including continued use and failure to participate in the program.

#### FUNDING

Treatment for individuals who are in the OWI Treatment Court for their third offense is funded by Act 100 through the Department of Corrections. In 2020, The Rock County OWI Treatment Court received a grant to expand the program to include people arrested for their fourth and fifth OWIs.

Deputy Miller

### **VETERANS TREATMENT COURT**

The Rock County Veterans Treatment Court is for people who have served in the United States Military. All participants must have a treatable, medical diagnosis and have benefits through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal of the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court is to bring the participants back to the level in which they were successful while serving in the military. The participants in the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court have been arrested for a variety of crimes. Some of the more common arrests are for Operating While Intoxicated or Domestic Violence. Veterans who successfully complete the program have the benefit of the treatment they received, and many will have their charges or sentences reduced. For some service members, their case will be completely dismissed upon graduation from the program.

#### TREATMENT AND PROGRAMS

The Rock County Veterans Treatment Court is an individualized and intensive program. While in the program, all participants are required to attend court, group therapy sessions, and individualized one-on-one therapy sessions. They are also required to contact their mentor at least once between court hearings. Depending on the criminal charge, most of the participants are on probation and have meetings with the probation agent.

Participants are also required to participate in random drug tests, averaging two to three a week, throughout the duration of the program. Participants arrested for OWIs are also required to provide breath samples multiple times throughout the day to show the participant is remaining sober.

The Rock County Veterans Treatment Court uses a variety of evidence-based treatments and programs. Nearly all of the services are provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and, because of this, the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court's additional cost to the taxpayer is minimal. Participants in the program are given individualized treatment based on each person's needs and specific diagnosis. The most common issues addressed in the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court are Substance Abuse Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Traumatic Brain Injury.

The following is a list of some of the evidence based treatments and programs available to the participants:

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

#### PARTNERSHIPS

The Veterans Treatment Court Team consists of the following members: a Judge from the Rock County Circuit Courts, a Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst, a Rock County Sheriff's Deputy, a Public Defender, an Assistant District Attorney, a Probation Officer from the Department of Corrections as well as a Supervisor and a Therapist/Case Manager from the Department of Veteran Affairs. The Veterans Treatment Court Team also has a Mentor Coordinator who oversees the mentors. The representatives meet every two weeks to discuss the progress of the individuals and recommend incentives to encourage appropriate choices and therapeutic responses and sanctions to encourage pro-social behavior over poor decisions.

#### VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

All the mentors, including the Mentor Coordinator, are veterans. In 2022, the Veterans Treatment Court was presided over by Judge Hanson who served in the United States Military. The Assistant District Attorney and the Public Defender are also veterans.

#### STATISTICS

Veterans Treatment Court was first conceived in 2009 under Judge Daley. In 2022, six veterans joined those already in treatment, two graduated, and one was terminated of their own choice. Since its inception, there have been 93 participants. There are seven active participants, and 86 service members have exited the program. Of those who have exited, 66 have graduated, 18 have been terminated for non-compliance with the program, one was medically released, and one passed away due to health issues.

#### FUNDING

Nearly all of the services are provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and because of this, the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court's additional cost to the taxpayer is minimal. The participants are required to pay for a portion of the cost of each drug test. Rock County Human Service pays the remaining balance.

Deputy Miller

# CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

## COURT SERVICES BUREAU

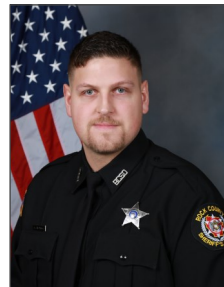


Captain Doug Coulter

The Court Services Bureau and the Civil Process Bureau are supervised by one Captain and one Sergeant. Staff for both bureaus includes eleven full-time Deputy Sheriffs, seven part-time Deputy Sheriffs, three Correctional Officers, and four Administrative Assistants. Two of those deputies are stationed at the courthouse and they are responsible for overall courthouse safety/security and handling all calls for service that originate at the courthouse. One Correctional Officer and one Administrative Assistant are also assigned to the courthouse, and their main responsibility is maintaining a secure lockup within the courthouse.



Sergeant Ooms



Deputy Aldrich



Deputy Boeche



Deputy Harding



Deputy Jackson



Deputy Knutson



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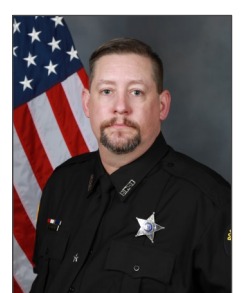
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# CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

## COURT SERVICES BUREAU

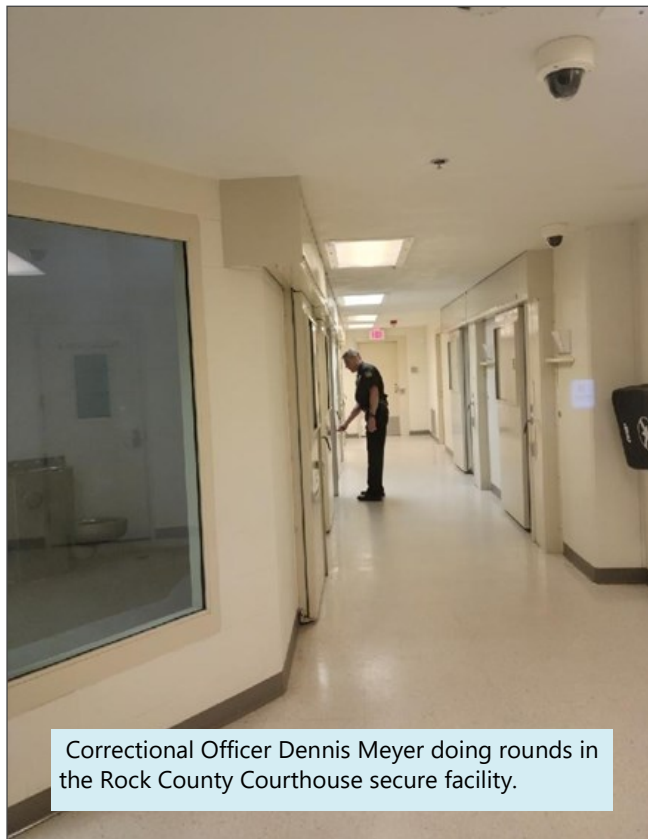
Deputies assigned to Court Services assist with court security while incarcerated individuals attend court appearances. The same deputies are responsible for transporting incarcerated individuals to and from court and medical appointments and transfers to other institutions.

Along with individuals already in our custody, it is not uncommon for deputies to travel to other counties in Wisconsin and out of state to retrieve individuals held on warrants entered by the Civil Process Bureau's warrant section. The Court Services Bureau is also responsible for transporting individuals on mental health emergency detention from treatment facilities to court appearances.

Seven part-time deputy sheriffs were hired in April 2020 and are assigned to the security station at the Rock County Courthouse. Each part-time deputy is required to attend firearms qualification and other training as required to maintain sworn officer certification. All part-time deputies are retired from the Sheriff's Office with many years of experience.

Captain Coulter

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Trips to Other Correctional Institutions</b>	542	250	267	374
<b>Trips from Other Correctional Institutions</b>	484	177	154	256
<b>Warrants Cleared</b>	206	109	145	124
<b>Extraditions</b>	39	33	27	28



Correctional Officer Dennis Meyer doing rounds in the Rock County Courthouse secure facility.

# CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

## COURT SERVICES BUREAU

### CIVIL PROCESS/WARRANTS

The Civil Process Bureau at the Rock County Sheriff's Office is responsible for several legal documents, both civil and criminal. Some of the documents include:

- Criminal Summons and Complaints
- Evictions
- Sheriff Sales and Foreclosures
- Subpoena Services
- Temporary Restraining Orders/Injunctions
- Warrants
- Writs of Assistance
- Writs of Execution
- Writs of Replevin
- Writs of Restitution

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

In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic created challenges within the Civil Process Bureau. Documents that Civil Process served were fewer than in previous years. Once the Covid-19 pandemic started, President Biden's administration placed a moratorium on evictions. This moratorium caused the number of evictions to drop significantly between 2019 and 2020. Although the moratorium expired in August 2021, the number of evictions Rock County deputies executed throughout 2022 has continued to decline over the past four years.

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the civil/warrants office received 2,490 warrants. Once the pandemic started, the number of warrants received dropped significantly in 2020 and began to increase in 2021 and 2022.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Civil Papers Received	4,304	2,263	3,257	3,217
Civil Papers Served	3,474	1,717	2,074	2,742
Foreclosures	150	63	54	46
Evictions	397	189	166	153
Warrants Received	2,490	782	817	1,113



Deputy Barr



Deputy Bittorf



Administrative Assistant  
Cristine Firkus



Administrative Assistant  
Christine Miller

### **CIVIL PROCESS/WARRANTS**

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office completed abandoned vehicle sales for Davis Citgo Service. This was the first abandoned vehicle sale our agency has conducted since 2010. All the proceeds from the vehicle sales went to Davis Citgo Service. A few vehicles were sold to third parties while the remaining vehicles were marked as "junk" or "salvage."

There are two deputies assigned to Civil Process as their primary duty; however, both deputies are involved in other areas at the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Barr is a member of the Honor Guard and Project Life Saver. He also serves as the Treasurer for the Wisconsin Civil Process Group. Deputy Bittorf is a firearms instructor, Taser instructor, a member of Project Life Saver, and serves as Treasurer to the Deputy Sheriff's Association.



Deputy Barr grinds a lock off a storage unit.

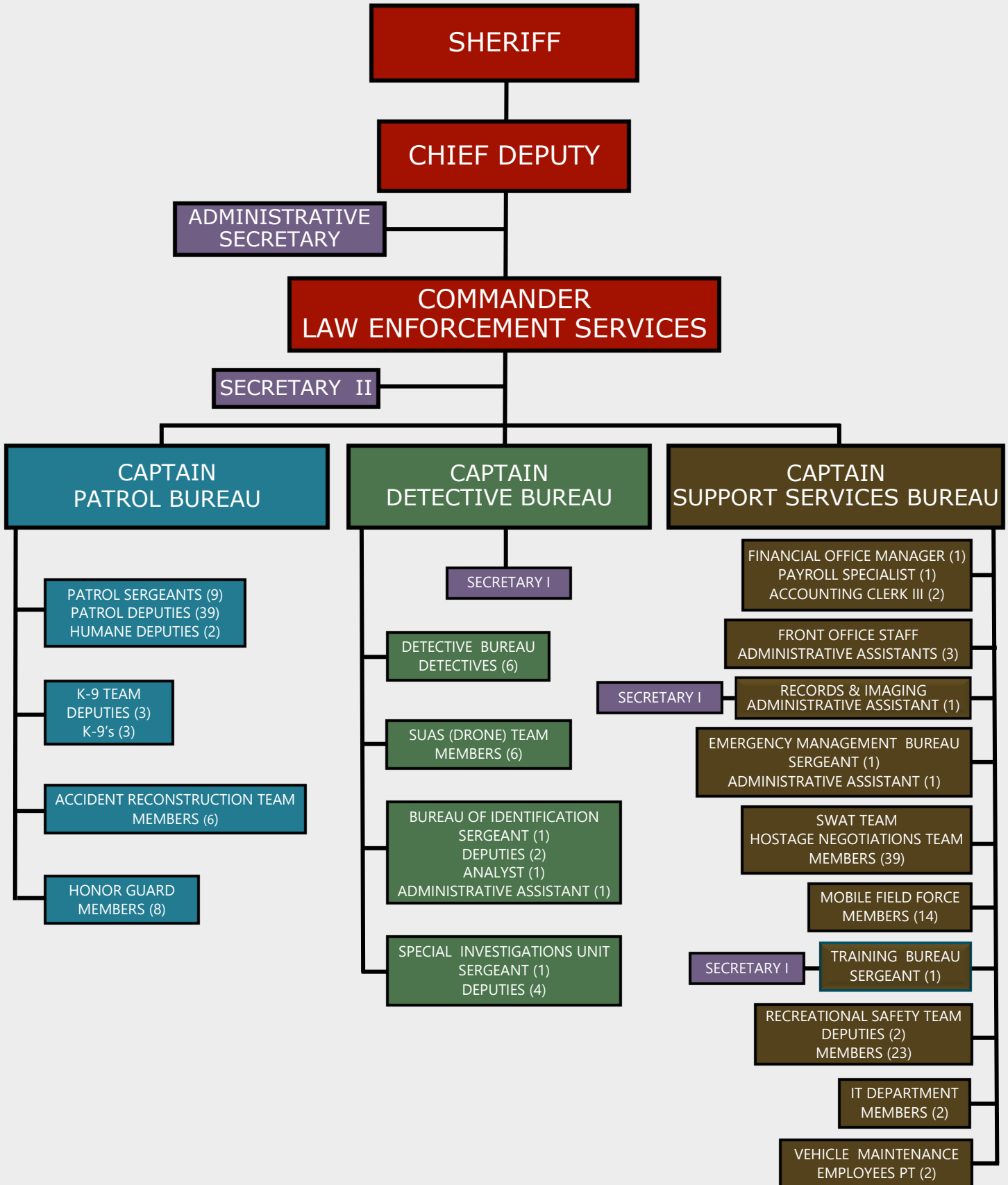


A home where an eviction took place.

Administrative Assistant Cris Firkus is responsible for all incoming civil documents that need to be served on individuals and businesses. She ensures the documents are processed in a timely manner for service and takes phone calls from the public regarding proper civil paper service.

Administrative Assistant Chrissy Miller is responsible for the timely, accurate, and complete warrant, missing persons, and stolen property entries into the NCIC and CIB databases. She also completes NCIC and CIB validations every month to ensure all records are complete and accurate.

# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION





# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION



Law Enforcement Services Commander  
Jude Maurer



Secretary II  
Diane Kowal

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division looked to put the previous pandemic years in the rear-view mirror and get back to "A Tradition of Service" for the citizens of Rock County. As Rock County and the surrounding communities continued to return to "normal", we continued to see similar trends in traffic-related incidents. In 2022, overall traffic accidents remained consistent with 2021, including fatalities. At the conclusion of the year, 2022 presented us with a one-percent decrease in traffic accidents, and fatal traffic crashes remained the same.

The Patrol Division reported a decrease in overall calls for service in 2022 but saw an increase in traffic stops, traffic citations, and arrests. The rise in these statistical categories is a direct correlation with the community getting back to "normal". As expected, with the public returning to traditional activities in 2022, most statistical categories have started to trend upward, although many of them remain under the five-year averages.

Deputies received or generated 19,171 calls for service in 2022, which is an approximate one-percent decrease from 2021. This is below the five-year average of 20,874. The top five statistical categories for calls for service in 2022 were:

- Assist other jurisdictions
- 911 abandoned calls
- Assist Fire/EMS calls
- Traffic complaints
- Stalled vehicles

These five categories accounted for 45 percent of all calls received in 2022. Violent crimes such as murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault accounted for only 0.002 percent of all calls. Each of those categories was slightly lower than the previous year with exception of the robbery category. Property crimes identified as burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson accounted for less than one percent of all calls for service and were slightly down from 2021.

Additionally, the patrol division assisted the Community Engagement Team with several events including Wisconsin Move Over Slow Down campaign, Special Olympics Torch Run, Cop on a Rooftop, Shop with a Cop, Gutter Busters, National Night Out, and Cops and Bobbers events.

Captain Jacobson

# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## PATROL BUREAU



Captain Mark Thompson



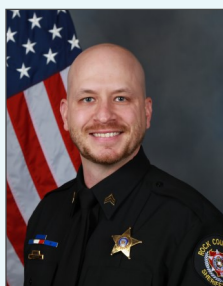
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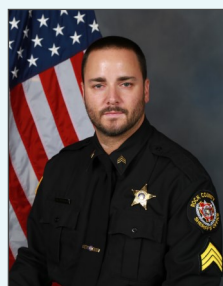
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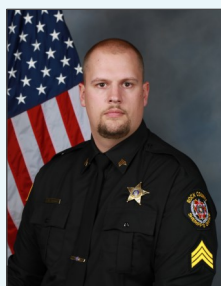
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### **PATROL SERGEANTS**

# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

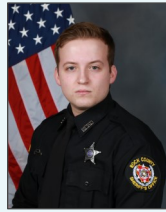
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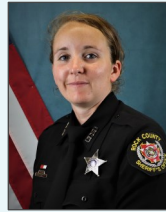
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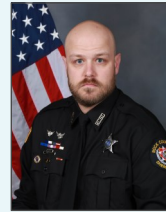
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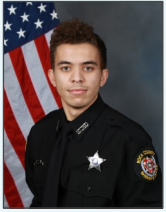
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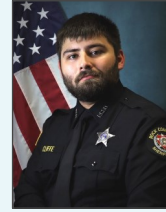
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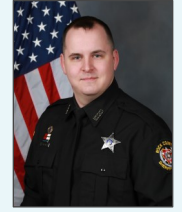
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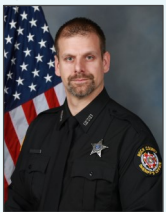
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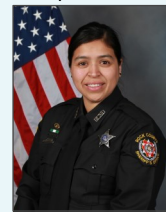
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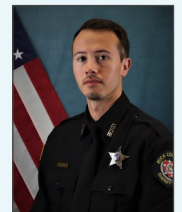
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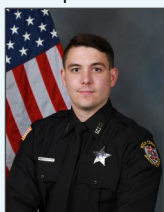
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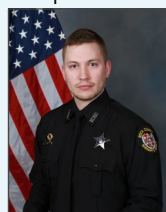
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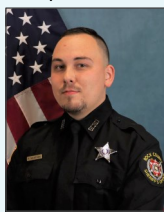
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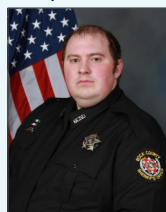
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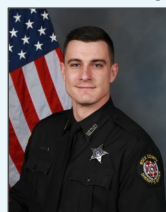
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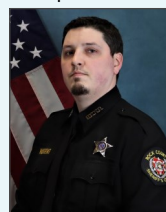
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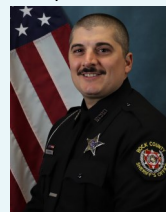
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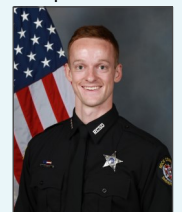
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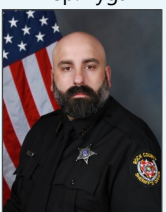
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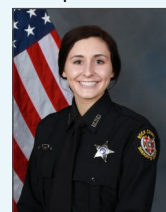
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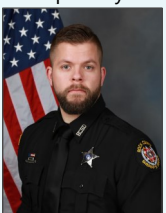
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Dep. Walsh

## PATROL DEPUTIES

# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## PATROL BUREAU

### **The following are summaries of some of the calls for service deputies responded to and investigated throughout 2022:**

**February 11th at 11:23 PM:** The Rock County Sheriff's Office and the Janesville Fire Department were dispatched to the area of W. USH 14 and N. CTH E in Janesville Township for a traffic crash. Upon arrival and investigation, it was discovered a mid-sized sedan driven by a 30-year-old male from Sun Prairie, WI was eastbound and crossed the center line. That vehicle struck another mid-sized sedan traveling westbound head on. The driver of the westbound vehicle, a 70-year-old male from Evansville, WI, was transported to Mercy Hospital and pronounced deceased.

**March 29th at 6:50 PM:** The Janesville Police Department was investigating a suspicious activity when their suspect fled the scene in a vehicle. JPD terminated the pursuit while the suspect was northbound on HWY 26 near HWY 14 in Janesville. A Rock County Deputy on HWY 26 at McCormick observed the suspect vehicle go around their squad, continuing northbound on HWY 26 in the southbound lanes. The deputy attempted to stop the suspect and, when the suspect continued in the wrong direction, the deputy disregarded the pursuit to deescalate the suspect's driving behavior. The deputy continued northbound on HWY 26 on the northbound side while the suspect vehicle continued northbound on the southbound side. The suspect vehicle then turned south and was traveling southbound on the north side of HWY 26. The deputy observed this and activated emergency lights to warn the traffic behind them of the danger. The suspect then caused a head on collision with the deputy's squad. The only vehicles involved in the crash were the suspect and the deputy. After the collision, the driver fled the scene on foot but was later located and taken into custody. The deputy was transported to the hospital and was treated and released.

**April 11th at 6:49 AM:** Rock County Sheriff's Deputies along with Fire personnel from Southern Wisconsin/ Northern Illinois were dispatched to a house fire in the 12000 block of E. Minkey Road in Bradford Township. Upon arrival of emergency personnel, the residence was fully engulfed. One occupant safely left the residence; however, two dogs did perish in the fire. There is no evidence of foul play currently and approximate damages will exceed \$140,000.00. Investigation was handled by the Clinton Fire Department with assistance from the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

**April 12th at 11:12 AM:** The Rock County Sheriff's Office and the Janesville Fire Department were dispatched to the 4900 block of N. River Road in Janesville Township for a traffic crash. Upon arrival and investigation, it was discovered a Rock County Department of Public Works dump truck was traveling south on N. River Road and had a large tree fall across the road and strike the cab. The tree had not been cut but randomly fell due to environmental factors. The 61-year-old DPW employee was found deceased due to injuries sustained from the falling tree.

**May 4th at 12:34 PM:** Personnel from the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Orfordville PD, Footville Fire Department, and the Janesville Fire Department were dispatched to the intersection of STH 213 and CTH B in the Town of Magnolia for a two-vehicle traffic crash. Upon arrival and investigation, it was determined a 2006 Toyota was traveling westbound on CTH B and failed to stop for the stop sign at the intersection with STH 213. A 2002 Saturn was traveling southbound on STH 213 and impacted the Toyota in the southbound lane. The driver of the Toyota was a 19-year-old Janesville man with a Juvenile passenger, both were transported for medical attention. The driver of the Saturn was a 51-year-old man from Beloit who was pronounced deceased on scene from injuries sustained from the crash.

**May 8th:** Rock County Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to a multiple shots fired complaint in Rockvale Mobile Home Park, located at 6219 S USH 51 in the Town of Rock. Deputies arrived and located a vehicle and several mobile homes that were struck by gun fire. Rock County Sheriff's Detectives, Special Investigations Unit and Bureau of Identification were called to the scene to investigate.

**May 16th at 4:49 PM:** Rock County Sheriff's Deputies and Footville and Janesville Fire and EMS responded to a two-vehicle head-on crash that occurred on W. State Highway 11 by N. Roherty Road in Plymouth Township. A Chevrolet Silverado was traveling westbound on Highway 11, crossed the centerline, and crashed head on into an eastbound Ford F550. The Chevrolet Silverado spun around and stopped in the middle of the road and caught on fire. The Ford F550 rolled into the ditch on the south side of the road. The driver and only occupant of the Chevrolet Silverado was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver and only occupant of the Ford F550 was transported to Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center with serious injuries.

# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## PATROL BUREAU

**July 4th at 11:13 AM:** Deputies from the Rock County Sheriff's Office and Officers from Evansville PD responded to a report of a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of N. STH 213 at N. CTH M in the Town of Magnolia. Fire and Medical personnel from Evansville, Footville and Janesville also assisted at the scene. The investigation showed a 2015 Chevy Cruze, driven by a 70-year-old Evansville man, was southbound on N. CTH M when the driver failed to stop at the stop sign. The Cruze entered the intersection and struck a southbound 2018 Kia Forte, occupied by a 19-year-old woman and an 18-year-old man, both of Janesville. Both men were transported via ambulance to Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center in Janesville while the woman was taken to St. Mary's in Janesville. The 70-year-old man was admitted with a serious head injury but listed in stable condition. He will be cited for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign and Failure to Fasten Seatbelt. The young adults in the Kia were expected to be treated and released with minor injuries.

**August 28th at 12:35 AM:** Officers from Village of Clinton PD, City of Beloit PD, City of Janesville PD, Wisconsin State Patrol, and deputies from Walworth and Rock County Sheriff's Offices responded to a shots fired complaint in the 9200 block of Little Ln. in the Town of Clinton. While responding to the scene, Rock County Communications advised there were numerous reported gunshot victims. Three victims were transported to area hospitals prior to law enforcement arrival. One additional victim was located on scene and transported via ambulance to Janesville Mercy Hospital.

**September 20th at 2:50 PM:** Deputies from the Rock County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a one-vehicle traffic crash on N. Casey Road just north of W. CTH M in the Town of Porter. Fire and EMS personnel from the City of Edgerton also responded to assist. The investigation showed a 2021 Ford Ranger was northbound on N. Casey Road when the vehicle drifted across the road, entered the ditch, and struck a tree. The driver, age 61 of Stoughton, was seat-belted inside and had to be removed by deputies who immediately began performing CPR. Despite lifesaving measures, the man was pronounced deceased at the scene by a representative from the Rock County Medical Examiner's Office.

**October 7th at 6:13 PM:** The Rock County Sheriff's Office, Whitewater PD and Whitewater and Janesville Fire Departments were dispatched to the 12700 block of E. USH 59 in Lima Township for a traffic crash. Upon arrival and investigation, it was discovered a westbound motorcycle driven by a 30-year-old male from Janesville was attempting to pass multiple cars and a semi-tractor and trailer driven by a 34-year-old male from Whitewater. The motorcycle attempted to avoid an oncoming car and swerved back into the westbound lane and struck the rear driver's side of the semi-trailer. The motorcycle driver was pronounced deceased on scene.

**November 5th at 9:45 PM:** Rock County Sheriff's Deputies and Fire and EMS personnel from Orfordville, Footville, and Janesville Fire Departments responded to a two vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of W. STH 11 and N. CTH H in Center Township. The investigation showed a Nissan Maxima was southbound on N. CTH H and failed to stop at the stop sign at W. STH 11. A Ford Escape was westbound on W. STH 11 and struck the Nissan broadside on the driver's side. The drivers from both vehicles, and a passenger in the Nissan were pronounced dead at the scene. Two other passengers in the Nissan and the passenger in the Ford were transported to Mercy Hospital in Janesville for injuries sustained in the crash.

**December 23rd at 11:46 AM:** Personnel from the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Beloit Township PD, Beloit Fire Department and Beloit Township Fire Department responded for a water rescue in the Rock river in the 6500 block of S. Edgewater Drive in the Town of Rock. Upon initial investigation, a 57-year-old woman had fallen through the ice and could not be seen. Additional resources responded to the incident including Rock County Dive Team, Janesville Fire Department Dive Team, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Dive Team, Beloit Police Department and Fontana Fire Department. The victim's body was recovered from under the ice-covered river at approximately 5:30pm and turned over to the Rock County Medical Examiner's Office.

**December 28th at 12:40 PM:** The Rock County Sheriff's Office, Orfordville Fire Department and Beloit Fire Department responded to the 6700 block of S. CTH H in the Town of Newark for a report of an injury snowmobile crash. Initial investigation indicated a 16-year-old was operating a snowmobile on private property with permission. The operator was ejected from the snowmobile which resulted in serious injuries. A Wisconsin DNR Warden from Green County responded to conduct further investigation

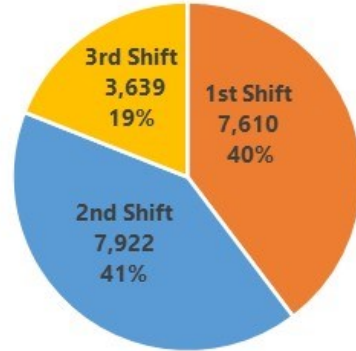
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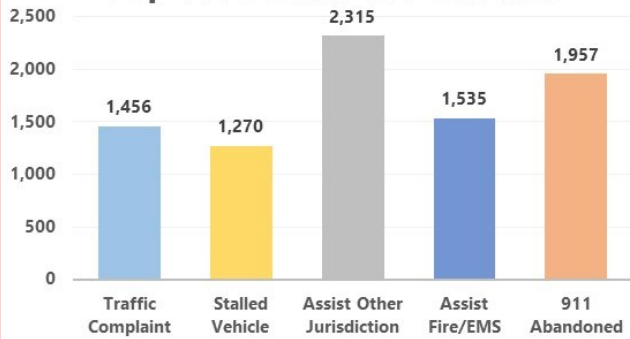
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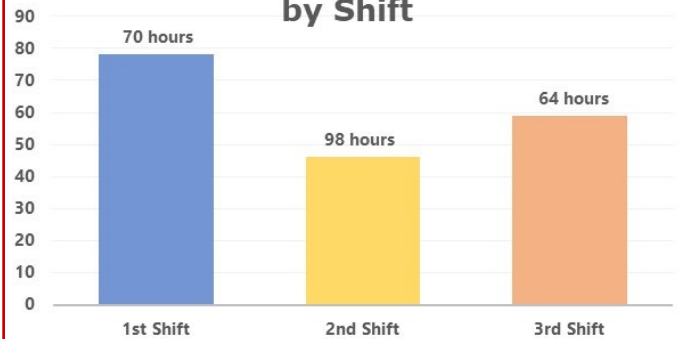
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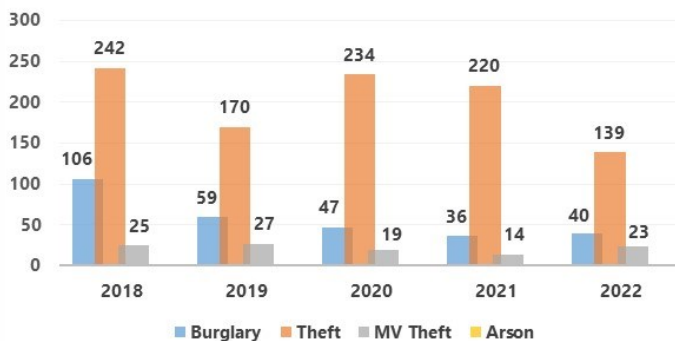
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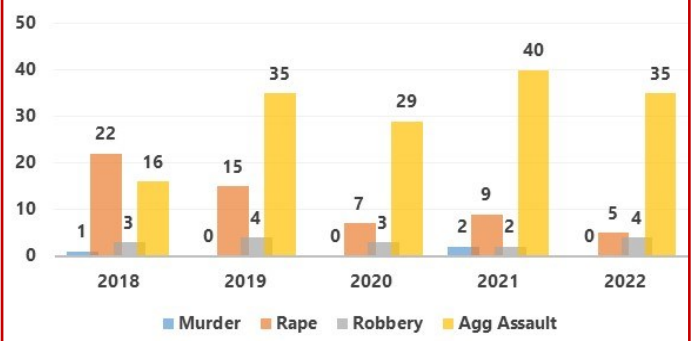
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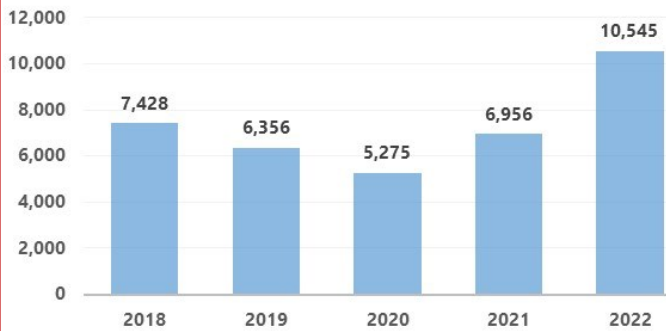
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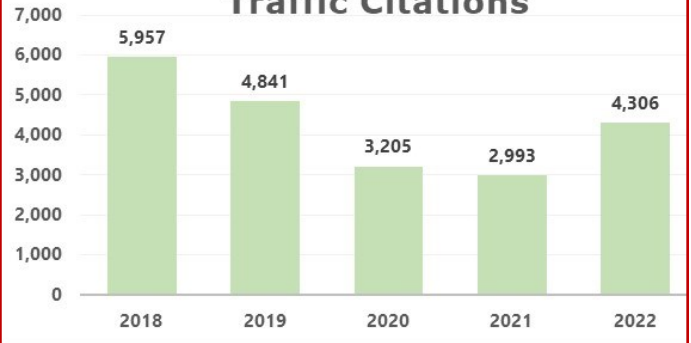
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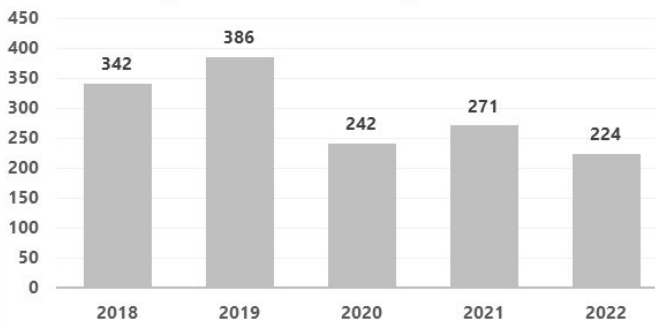
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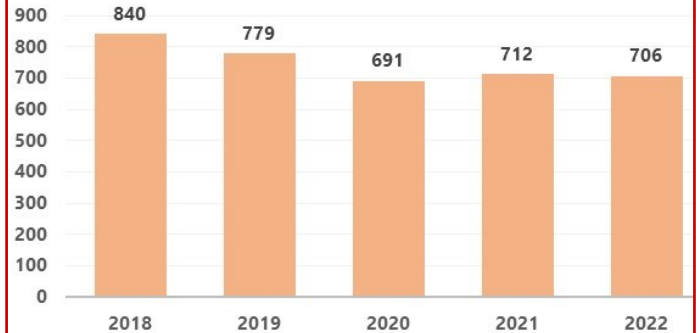
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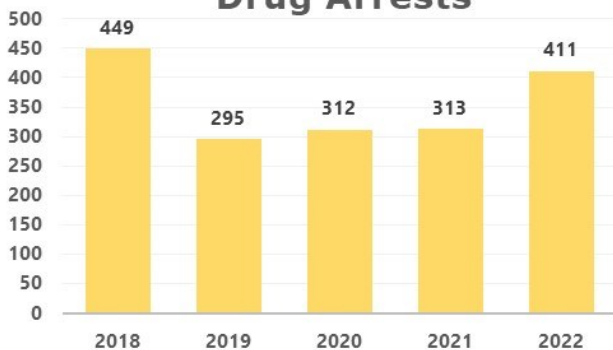
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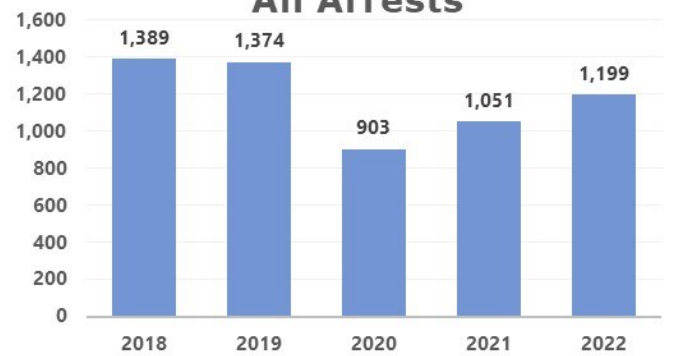
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### All Arrests



### ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION TEAM

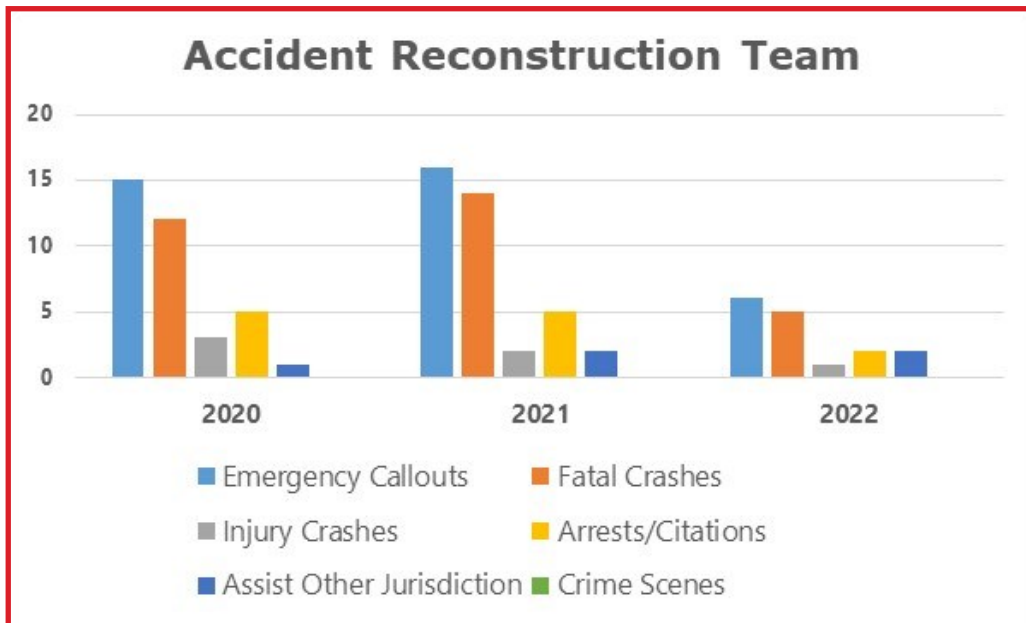
The Rock County Sheriff’s Office Accident Reconstruction Team currently consists of one Sergeant and six Deputies. Members receive specialized training for investigating serious traffic crashes including fatal traffic crashes, serious injury traffic crashes, or criminal traffic crashes.

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

In 2022, the Accident Reconstruction Team responded to six emergency callouts. Among these callouts were five fatal traffic crashes and one serious injury crash, resulting in two arrests or citations. The Accident Reconstruction Team continues to assist multiple agencies with serious crashes in their jurisdiction. The six total callouts were less than in previous years; however, the Accident Reconstruction Team continues to be one of the most utilized specialty teams at the Sheriff’s Office.

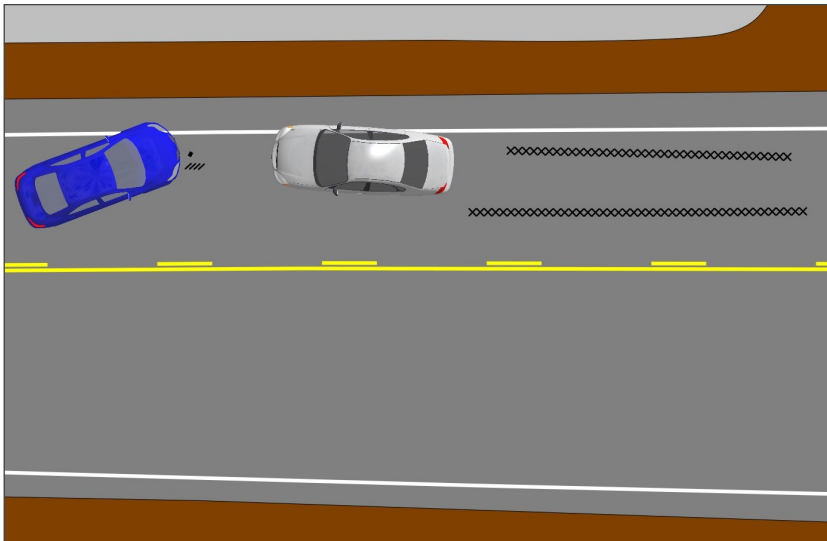
In 2022, Deputy Raby was the first deputy to attend in-person reconstruction training since the COVID-19 pandemic as most trainings were either canceled or postponed. Deputy Raby attended Technical Crash Investigation 1 and 2, both being a one-week intensive course offered by Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, in Pleasant Prairie, WI.

Sergeant Ooms





**ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION TEAM**



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION TEAM

The Domestic Violence Intervention Team (DVI) was established in January 2022 with the implementation of a select group of deputies and a patrol sergeant to oversee the program. The deputies are currently assigned to all three patrol shifts and are considered specialists in helping fellow deputies with processing domestic violence incidents. These select deputies are responsible for conducting follow-up contacts with victims of domestic violence, as well as updating training needs for the patrol division. The follow-up information is then conveyed to the YWCA of Rock County, who is our largest resource for additional assistance. The DVI team helps these victims with navigation of additional resources and ultimately aids in breaking the cycle of violence that plagues our community.

The DVI team started implementation in May of 2022 and has reviewed every domestic incident the Rock County Sheriff's Office has handled since that time. The entire patrol division has been trained in the Wisconsin Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program, a tool with poignant questions to help aid in determining the severity of each incident and the need for special resources. The reason for this standardized form is for the prevention of homicide. The form was developed through Maryland Domestic Violence research. Extensive research has shown there is a direct correlation between domestic violence cases and homicide, and the tool is used in the predictive behavior leading to serious injuries. The eleven-question form can be used to interdict potential homicide situations that may be a result of intimate partner violence. The DVI team can use this obtained data to further aid the victim. Information obtained throughout the follow up can be used for prosecution, but the primary focus is aiding the victim and family. The following data exemplifies how the team has assisted our Rock County community and the time spent beyond the initial individual incident:

- 48 cases were reviewed by the team
- 48 cases in which the YWCA was contacted by a deputy
- 55 hours of follow-up to include working on paperwork and contact with victims

Sergeant Rossmiller



### **MOTOR UNIT**

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Motor Unit was established in 2008 with the purchase of a 2008 Harley Davidson Electra-Glide motorcycle. The Sheriff's Office sent their first two motor deputies to an intense two weeks of training facilitated through Northwestern University in collaboration with Harley Davidson Motorcycles. Upon completion of the intense and specialized training, deputies were certified to operate a Rock County Sheriff's Office motorcycle as a patrol function.

Since the inception of the Motor Unit at the Sheriff's Office, the team has grown and consists of four members who have the basic certification and advanced training. The Sheriff's Office currently owns two 2013 Harley Davidson Electra-Glide motorcycles used on a regular basis. The Motor Unit is primarily utilized for traffic enforcement, parades, demonstrations, National Night Out, Rock County 4-H Fair, Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial, law enforcement funerals, organized motorcycle ride escorts and dignitary motorcades.

During the calendar year of 2022, the Motor Unit escorted several motorcycle rides for charity events. One event in July, Veterans of Foreign Wars Legion, had a final leg of their 5-day legacy ride travel the length of Rock County with 305 riders. The logistics and operation were headed by the Motor Unit to maintain safety of the roadways. The event produced an estimated \$400,000 for the scholarship fund of the VFW for children of fallen armed forces personnel.

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



Sgt. Rossmiller escorting a charity ride.

### HONOR GUARD

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard was established in 2005 to represent the Rock County Sheriff's Office, its administration, deputies, correctional officers, employees, and their families at law enforcement funerals, parades, and other ceremonial events.

The Honor Guard participated in 24 events during 2022, including community events and memorial ceremonies, and provided services for retired deputies, officers, and service members throughout Rock County. We also attended and assisted in the ceremonies for the active duty death of Detective Jeffrey Bliss of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office and the tragic loss of active Rock County Highway Department Highway Worker Randall Reilly.

In late December, we had the honor and privilege of being requested to assist with the swearing-in ceremony of our new Sheriff, Curtis Fell.

In 2022, The Rock County Sheriff's Office said goodbye to three members of our retiree family. The Honor Guard was privileged to be able to pay our respects and provide services to:

Retired Deputy Norm Pierce	End of Watch: 02-16-2022
Retired Deputy Donald Chesmore	End of Watch: 05-09-2022
Retired Sheriff Leonard Alderson	End of Watch: 06-16-2023

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

In 2022, we welcomed a new member to the Rock County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard. Deputy Allen Peters was previously a member of the Green County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard before being hired by the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

### **2022 Rock County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard**

Detective Luke DuCharme – Team Commander	
Sergeant David Rossmiller	Deputy Anthony Barr
Sergeant Josh Lund	Deputy Steven Berg
Deputy Allen Peters	Deputy Brandon Davis
Correctional Officer Steven Fraser	Deputy Kyle Kunkel

Detective DuCharme

# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## PATROL BUREAU

### HONOR GUARD



**K9 UNIT**

The three active canine teams for 2022, pictured above, were Deputy Erik Albeck with Jax (4 years), Deputy Cody St. Michael with Kamo (4 years), and Deputy Joshua Peterson with Finn (2 years). Deputy Kyle Kunkel was also a valuable asset for the team as the main canine decoy. Together the teams were deployed a total of 191 times. Through those deployments, four guns, \$17,000, and 3,283 grams of narcotics were located. The teams also assisted in taking several subjects into custody through apprehension or the legal threat of utilizing the canine's apprehension abilities.

**The following are glimpses of individual cases the teams were involved in during 2022:**

Deputy St. Michael and Kamo were dispatched to assist Janesville PD with a building search. While on scene, it was probable the suspect had fled into the attic through an access panel in the ceiling of the hallway. There were pending felony/misdemeanor charges along with a DOC warrant. Several orders were given to give up or the suspect would be apprehended by the K9. After approximately 20 minutes, the Fire Department arrived on scene with a ladder, and Kamo was placed on Deputy St. Michael's shoulder and deployed into the attic. Within two to three seconds, Kamo located and apprehended the suspect who was hiding in the attic in a sleeping bag under loose blown insulation. The suspect was controlled by Kamo until surrendering and being taken into custody. Having Kamo deployed in the attic kept several officers from having to enter a small attic space and kept officers and the suspect from possible injury during a more than likely use-of-force scenario.



In another incident, Deputy St. Michael and Kamo were dispatched to assist Beloit PD with a foot pursuit where the suspect was last seen running through a backyard toward an alley. Kamo tracked to a shed, but it was locked. Officers walked away from the shed; however, Kamo started to push his nose through the corner of the shed and sat, indicating an alert on a person hiding. We pulled back a small panel of the metal shed and revealed the suspect hiding inside. With K9 commands given to the suspect, the suspect complied, exited the shed, and was arrested without incident.

### K9 UNIT

Deputy Albeck and Jax were requested to assist the DEA in locating and stopping a vehicle where the driver was suspected of carrying a large amount of illegal narcotics through Rock County. With the assistance of Deputy Davis, the vehicle was located, and Deputy Davis initiated a traffic stop. Jax was deployed on an exterior sniff of the vehicle and alerted to the presence of narcotics. The vehicle was ultimately searched based on the K9 deployment, and three kilos of cocaine were located. At that time, this was known to be one of the largest seizures by any Rock County canine team.



On the south side of Janesville, a traffic complaint called in by an off-duty Beloit officer advised an over-sized U-Haul truck was driving recklessly through Janesville and into the county. Town of Beloit located the vehicle and attempted to stop it, but the vehicle ignored the officer and continued to drive recklessly, putting multiple citizens at risk and causing the officer to stop pursuing. The vehicle reached the City of Beloit where Rock County Deputy St. Michael and multiple Beloit officers were able to relocate the vehicle and re-initiate a pursuit. During the pursuit, the suspect continued to drive recklessly, and his actions caused the area school to go into lockdown to ensure student safety. The vehicle ultimately crashed, and the driver fled the scene on foot. Deputy St. Michael, a Beloit officer, Deputy Albeck, and Jax gave chase. After a short foot pursuit, Deputy St. Michael was able to decentralize the suspect, but the suspect continued to show physical resistance. Jax was assisted over a fence and engaged in a bite apprehension while the suspect was resisting Deputy St. Michael. With the assistance of Jax, the suspect ceased all physical resistance, became compliant, and allowed law enforcement to place them into custody.

Deputy Peterson and Finn were dispatched to assist the Beloit Police Department with a track of a suspect that, after being pursued by Beloit PD, crashed and fled on foot. Deputy Peterson was told the driver had a warrant for arrest, was on felony probation, and now faced additional charges. Deputy Peterson and Finn began the track at the vehicle. Finn tracked across the road, between two houses, and through their backyards. Finn continued his track through an alleyway and again through a backyard. Coming to a sidewalk, Finn turned south and, after passing two other houses, made his way to the front porch of a third house. Deputy Peterson called Finn off due to a woman sitting on the front porch, and he notified BEPD. BEPD made entry into the house and located and transported the suspect to jail.



Sgt. Rowley

# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## DETECTIVE BUREAU



Captain Aaron Burdick



Secretary I  
Sandy Hill



Detective Bilhorn



Detective Cowan



Detective Douglas



Detective DuCharme



Detective Reilly



Detective Shaw

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

During 2022, Detectives attended trainings to expand their investigative skills in the areas of internet crimes and crimes that contain evidence of a digital nature. These trainings included the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) national conference. With the increase of crimes involving the internet and digital devices, these trainings are required for detectives to build skills to combat emerging crime trends.

Our analyst provided support on multiple criminal investigations involving cellular records, mapping, intelligence packets, and other technological projects.

In 2022, the Detective Bureau worked 135 cases which netted 117 arrests and conducted 71 background investigations.

Captain Burdick

### SIU Staff



Sergeant Jacobson



Deputy Anacker



Deputy Albeck



Deputy Wenger



Deputy Whitehead



# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## DETECTIVE BUREAU

### SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU)

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) of the Rock County Sheriff's Office is a small unit comprised of one Sergeant and four full-time Deputy Sheriffs. The primary focus of the SIU is to investigate the distribution of illegal narcotics in the Rock County area. Other Rock County law enforcement agencies including Clinton, Edgerton, Evansville, Milton, Orfordville, and Beloit Township provide intelligence on criminal activity and assist the Special Investigations Unit on a part-time basis. This collective effort strives to make Rock County a safer place to live.

While the primary focus of SIU is conducting drug investigations, they also assist the Detective Bureau and Patrol Division in specialized criminal investigations.

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



Year	Arrests	Total Charges	Methamphetamines	Marijuana	Marijuana Plants	Powder Cocaine	Crack Cocaine	Heroin/Fentanyl	Cash Seized
2021	41	84	8,887.37 g	57.30 lbs.	0	170.96 g	361.89 g	1939.21g	\$90,520.83
2022	44	120	8,941.33 g	60.13 lbs.	16	2,092 g	271.19 g	251.63 g	\$30,194.00

In 2022, the Special Investigations Unit continued to focus on the rise of the availability of methamphetamine and heroin/fentanyl in the community. There has also been an upward trend in the availability of cocaine as shown in the above statistics. Many investigations have shown substances seized were often laced with fentanyl, creating a higher danger within the community. SIU will continue to investigate subjects delivering controlled substances who are responsible for many of the property and violent crimes within Rock County. The above statistics show the drugs that have been seized by SIU for the last two years.

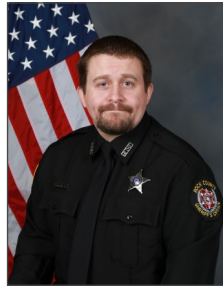
Sergeant Skatrud



### BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION (B OF I)



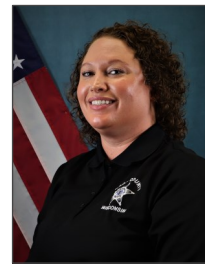
Sergeant Beutin



Deputy Michalski



Deputy Wescott



Administrative Assistant  
Lindsey Bittorf



Analyst  
Andrew LaMendola

The Bureau of Identification (B of I) is a support unit that primarily manages property and evidence associated with criminal investigations from all divisions of the Rock County Sheriff's Office. This bureau is staffed with one sergeant, two deputy sheriffs, an Administrative Assistant, and a full-time Analyst.

Personnel assigned to B of I have completed specialized training in both evidence collection and evidence management. B of I Deputies continue to expand their knowledge and expertise by regularly attending specialized training throughout the year. Some of the trainings attended in 2022 by B of I personnel are:

- Evidence Collection and Crime Scene Technology
- Property and Evidence Management
- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) Training
- Shooting Incident Documentation
- 2022 Crime Lab Symposium
- International Association of Crime Analysts
- Technology Threats and Trends Against Law Enforcement

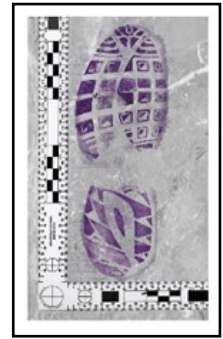
Deputies assigned to the Bureau of Identification use this specialized training to process crime scenes, prepare evidence for court, manage all evidence and property seized by the Rock County Sheriff's Office, along with transporting evidence to the WI State Crime Lab for processing. One of our personnel attended NIBIN training in 2022. NIBIN is the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network. This allows us to enter digital images of shell casings found on crime scenes or test-fired from a recovered firearm. These images are then compared with all images entered by other agencies throughout the US. This enables law enforcement to determine if a piece of recovered ballistic evidence came from a firearm that was previously used in a crime.



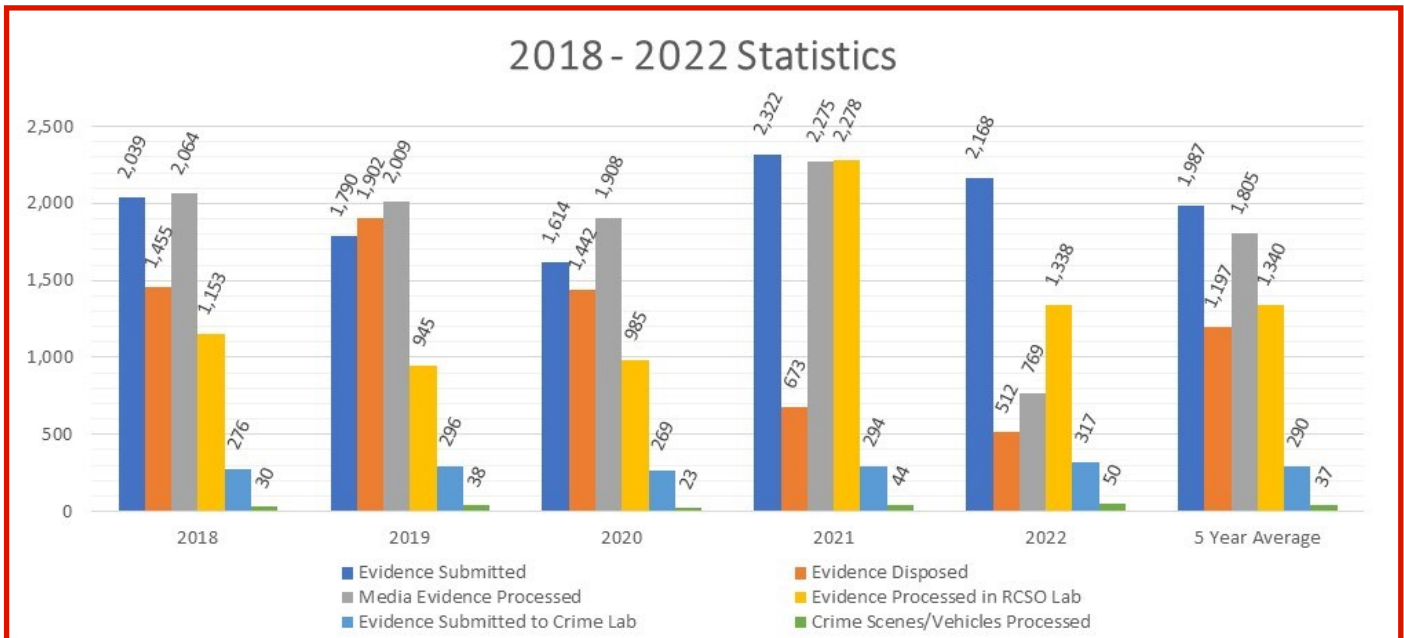
### BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION (B OF I)

The Bureau of Identification saw an increase in the amount of crime scenes and vehicles processed for evidentiary purposes in 2022. At these scenes, B of I personnel photograph the scene, document it, and collect items for evidence. B of I personnel will take these items back to the Rock County Sheriff's Office lab and process the items. The following are some examples of processing B of I personnel conduct in our lab:

- Dust for prints
- Fuming for prints – superglue, ninhydrin
- DNA swabs
- Tool Impressions
- Footwear Impressions – Casting, Prints
- Cellphone Extractions
- Blood stains – Luminol, Leuco Crystal Violet



In 2022, the Bureau of Identification was requested by Florence County Sheriff's Office to assist with a dig site in their jurisdiction. Two members from B of I volunteered to go to Florence County for this task and assisted them with searching for evidence over a two-day period. This was educational for the B of I members and gave them experience to use if the Rock County Sheriff's Office were to have a similar scene in the future.



In the graph above, you will see there was a significant decrease in 2022 from years prior in the media evidence processed. This decrease is due to the new evidence storage program we are using. We no longer have to manually download body and squad cameras because it is now done automatically.

Sergeant Beutin

## **SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM TEAM**

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

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

The sUAS team can be used to amplify the deputies' efforts on several types of calls. The most common calls for service are active search and rescue missions, crash and crime scene documentation, and reconstruction and site assessments for natural disasters. The team is comprised of seven members. The team is coordinated by Captain Aaron Burdick and assistant, Deputy Jason Wescott. All members are certified with Remote Pilot Licenses through the FAA. The team practices monthly for outdoor, indoor, and night missions. This equipment has the capability of taking still photographs and video using daylight cameras or thermal imaging. These images can be viewed live or saved to a file for record purposes.

In 2022, the sUAS team was deployed 44 times. These deployments were to assist in traffic crash investigations, outdoor crime scenes, and search-and-rescue.

The sUAS team goal for 2023 is to continue to expand our capabilities through training and technology.

Captain Burdick



### SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS TEAM



SWAT Callout



Suspicious Person/Prowler Call



The drone has been used heavily during the RSCO building redesign project



SUAS Team during practice



Dairy Breakfast



Captain Curt Fell

### FRONT OFFICE STAFF



Administrative Assistant  
Janice Gajdosik



Administrative Assistant  
Sherry Jackson



Administrative Assistant  
Sharon Krause

The Support Services Bureau is part of the Law Enforcement Services Division of the Sheriff's Office and includes several different support functions. The supporting roles include Accounting and Financial Services, Records Retention and Release, Front Office Staff, Vehicle Maintenance, Emergency Management, Information Technology, and the Training Bureau. The Support Services Bureau was supervised by Captain Curt Fell in 2022.

The Support Services Bureau has several responsibilities outside of the regular enforcement and investigative functions of law enforcement services. These functions include oversight of Emergency Management, the annual budget, accounts payable and receivable, all aspects of records release and retention, maintaining a fleet of ninety six vehicles (including squads, boats, special assignment trailers, court vans, detective vehicles, ID Bureau and recreational safety equipment), technology needs of the Sheriff's Office (Patrol and Jail), assisting citizens in the front lobby, and preparing and accounting for all training for the over two hundred employees of the Sheriff's Office.

The bureau consists of one Captain, two Sergeants, two Deputies, two Secretaries, three Account Clerks, one Payroll Specialist, four Administrative Assistants, one Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor, one part-time and one seasonal Vehicle Maintenance Technician, and one full-time and one part-time User Support Specialist.

Captain Thompson

# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

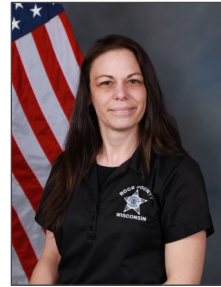
### FINANCIAL SERVICES



Financial Office Manager  
Michelle Wilson



Accounting Clerk III  
Cheryl Hall



Accounting Clerk III  
Kristen Riemer



Payroll Specialist  
Laura Wollslair

The Accounting and Financial Services division is responsible for all of the financial aspects of the Rock County Sheriff's Office. The Accounting staff includes the Financial Office Manager, one Payroll Specialist, and two Account Clerk IIIs. These employees are the primary points of contact for Sheriff's Office staff regarding budgeting, purchasing, invoicing, jail accounting, and payroll, as well as all other aspects of maintaining many detailed functions of the department. They work closely with Sheriff's Office personnel and other departments within Rock County (Accounting, Administration, Corporation Counsel, Human Resources, Purchasing, Payroll, etc.) to fulfill all financial obligations of the department. Below is a snapshot of their duties.

Financial Office Manager – Manages the Budget and Grants, Supervises Accounting Staff

Payroll Specialist – Collects and Processes Employee Payroll Data

Account Clerk III – Performs Jail Accounting Functions

Account Clerk III – Processes Vendor Invoices for Payment, Reconciles Credit Cards

Michelle Wilson

### RECORDS



Secretary I  
Sarah Anderson

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



Administrative Assistant  
Christopher Johnson

Year	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents	Total
2016	3529	2058	9034	844	15,465
2017	3563	2057	9433	829	15,882
2018	3461	1948	6361	872	12,642
2019	3268	1919	5300	814	11,301
2020	2623	1321	4935	758	9,637
2021	2821	1488	4822	784	9,915
2022	2987	1627	4446	768	9,828

# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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



Sara Herzig



Tom Kavanaugh



Ryan McDowell

Currently, Public Safety IT supports over 40 different software packages, 185 computers/laptops, over 160 mobile units, and over 25 servers along with the hardware and networks that utilize these components. In 2022, some of the advancements implemented at the Rock County Sheriff's Office to assist the staff with daily operations included the following:

- Deployed over 80 FirstNet cell phones to staff throughout the Sheriff's Office
- Completed an upgrade to Spillman
- Replaced 6 squad laptops as well as 5 squad cameras
- Annual computer replacements including replacing desktop computers with laptops to allow users to work from home where available
- Created and updated disaster recovery plans for some of the public safety systems that are used by the Sheriff's Office
- Assisted with the Sheriff's Office building redesign project

Sara Herzig

### VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

In 2022, the Rock County Sheriff's Office vehicle fleet received a total of three new vehicles: Two Ford F150 Responders and one Ford Explorer. Five more Ford Explorers were ordered but were not built.

The vehicle maintenance operation continued to be heavily effected by the pandemic. Vehicle changeover was delayed due to waiting for vehicle and equipment delivery. Delivery of squads took significantly longer, with the last squad for 2022 being completed in March of 2023. In addition, repairs of squads were hampered by parts shortages and unavailability. For example, an engine for squad 20 was ordered in November of 2022, and in March of 2023 it still had not arrived. Squad 13 was down for over a month because brake parts were not available.

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office used 98,447 gallons of gasoline. The total mileage traveled by all Sheriff's Office vehicles was 1,237,039. This mileage is a slight decrease from 2021.

Due to the unavailability of new squads in 2022, the average miles on our fleet was 116,000. Consequently, repair and maintenance of our vehicles for the year came to \$267,895, causing us to be grossly over budget.

Jim Schumacher



Supervisor  
Jim Schumacher



Technician  
Jon Furseth



Technician  
Matt Pyne



# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

### RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU

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

During spring and summer, the Recreational Safety Deputies are responsible for patrolling Rock County lakes, rivers, and creeks, taking enforcement action on boats, kayaks, and canoes.

The Recreational Safety Deputies also work in partnership with the Rock County DNR Wardens.

The Recreational Safety Deputies are also responsible for patrolling Rock County's ATV road routes which were approved and opened by several townships. These patrols take place during spring, summer, and fall.

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

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

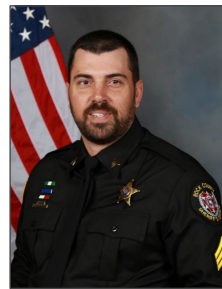
#### Rescue Team

The Rescue Team consists of fifteen members, including Sergeants, Deputies, and Correctional Officers. The Rescue Team is overseen administratively by the Patrol Bureau Captain.

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

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

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



Sergeant Krahn



Deputy T. Borgwardt



Deputy T. Lund



**RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU**Rescue Team

**During 2022, the Rescue Team responded to seven incidents:**

**February 20** – Rescue personnel responded to Dallman's Landing at 5:58 p.m. for a report of a vehicle possibly falling through the ice between Thiebeau Point and Carcajou Point. The Airboat was launched, and a grid search was conducted. The sUAS Team also responded and provided aerial drone video of the lake. It was determined to be a false alarm.

**March 24** – During a Rescue Team practice, Green County requested assistance in locating evidence from a string of burglaries where evidence was dumped in the Sugar River. Team members in exposure suits entered the water and searched with no evidence found.

**May 6** – The City of Beloit Police Department requested the Rescue Team to assist in recovering a 2017 Chevrolet Camaro from the Rock River near Third Street and Liberty Avenue in Beloit, where the operator was arrested for OWI.

**May 18** – The Detective Bureau requested the Rescue Team search the Rock River on the south side of the Newark Bridge for a discarded firearm reference a shots fired incident. Nothing of evidentiary value was found.

**June 11** – Sergeant Krahn and Deputy Lund responded to the Rock River south of the Indianford Dam from instructing Boater Safety at the Rock County Fairgrounds. It was reported that a boat capsized, and three people were in the water. A citizen witnessed the incident and retrieved his personal boat and pulled all three subjects from the water. The citizen then used his boat to bring the overturned vessel to shore.

**September 4** – The Rescue Team was paged out at 7:38 p.m. for two stranded kayakers on the Sugar River south of the Nelson Road launch. The sUAS Team also responded to assist. Off-duty Janesville Fire Fighter Wyatt Bomkamp and off-duty Town of Beloit Fire Fighter Billy Engen heard the dispatched call and were already in the area with their Jon Boats equipped with mud motors. The two launched with RCSO Deputies and retrieved the two subjects. On September 18, one of the subjects responded back to the area on foot in attempts to retrieve his kayak and again called 911 after getting lost and becoming dehydrated. The Sheriff's Office responded and, with the help of local citizens, located the individual.

**December 23** – At 11:38 a.m., a man reported that his wife had fallen through the ice on the Rock River off their property on Edgewater Drive in the Town of Rock. There were footprints in the snow on the ice which led to a hole, and her gloves were lying on the ice near the hole. Two of the family's dogs were also missing. The weather was -5F with a northwest wind of 25 mph, making search and rescue efforts difficult. The Fontana Fire Department was requested for mutual aid with their underwater drone. The body of the missing female was discovered approximately 15-20 feet south (downstream) of the hole in the ice where she was suspected of going through. A hole was cut in the ice above the woman, and she was recovered.



### RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU

#### Boat Enforcement



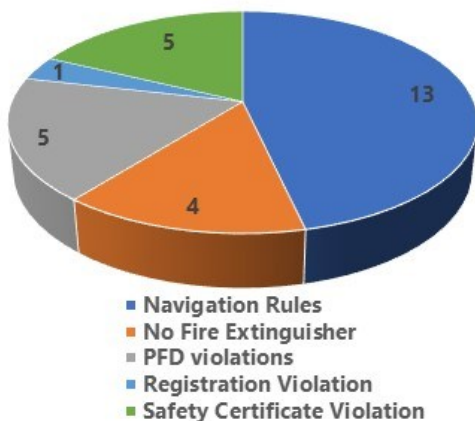
The Boat Enforcement Team patrolled 546 hours during the 2022 Boating Season. During this time, the boat patrol assisted vessels, provided enforcement of Wisconsin boating laws, and instructed a Boater Safety Education Course. Since the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, canoeing, kayaking, and paddle boarding have become increasingly more popular in our community. The Boat Enforcement Team patrolled many hours on the smaller waterways in Rock County, including Turtle Creek, Sugar River, and Yahara River.

The Boat Enforcement Team issued 29 citations and 110 written warnings. Each boat contact occurred due to an observable violation. Personnel checked each stopped boat for all the required safety equipment.

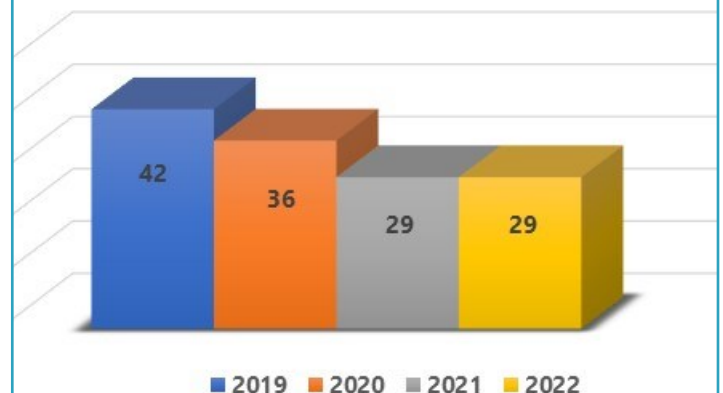
The Boat Enforcement Team practices at least twice a year to ensure all members are familiar with the recreational equipment and are up to date with current recreational laws.

Boat patrol expenses generated throughout the year are reimbursed up to 75 percent through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Boat Enforcement Patrol Grant Program. Reimbursed expenses include, but are not limited to salaries, boats, equipment, training, and fuel. For the 2021 boating season, boat patrol expenses totaled \$40,533.93. Expenses for 2022 totaled \$54,824.36.

#### 2022 BOATING CITATIONS



#### CITATIONS ISSUED 2019-2022



**RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU**ATV Enforcement

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office purchased a 2022 Can-Am Defender Max XT HD9 UTV. This UTV was purchased due to a multitude of county townships opening ATV road routes within their boundaries. The townships that have open road routes are Center, Clinton, Village of Footville, Harmony, Newark, Village of Orfordville, Plymouth, Porter, Rock, and Union.

The Sheriff's Office submitted a reimbursement request to the Department of Natural Resources ATV Enforcement Patrol Grant Program for the first time in 2022. Sheriff's Office personnel patrolled a total of 40 hours and issued 3 citations and 2 warnings. ATV patrol expenses for 2022 totaled \$8,347.60 of which \$6,104.81 was reimbursed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Sheriff's Office personnel utilized the UTV while providing security throughout the Rock County 4-H Fair as well as in Walworth County at a concert at Alpine Valley. The UTV was also showcased at several Touch-A-Truck events as well as other community engagement events.

**During 2022, the ATV Enforcement Team was utilized for the following two incidents:**

**June 28** – Deputy Lund responded to an address on E. Schmidt Road in Milton Township for an ATV crash. A juvenile male who resided at the property was operating an ATV with two friends riding illegally on the back. The ATV hit a wooden board lying on a trail in the woods, and one of the occupants was ejected and suffered a leg wound. The operator was cited for operating an ATV with a passenger riding illegally, and the two passengers were issued warnings for not wearing a helmet.

**November 22** – Recreational Safety Bureau personnel and other RSCO staff, along with personnel from the Wisconsin State Patrol and the Department of Natural Resources, searched for a missing motorist who was last seen after a pursuit and crash on I-90/39 near the Avalon Road eastbound entrance ramp, where the subject fled on foot. UTV and ATVs were utilized in the all-day search. The subject was not located.

### RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU

#### Snowmobile Enforcement

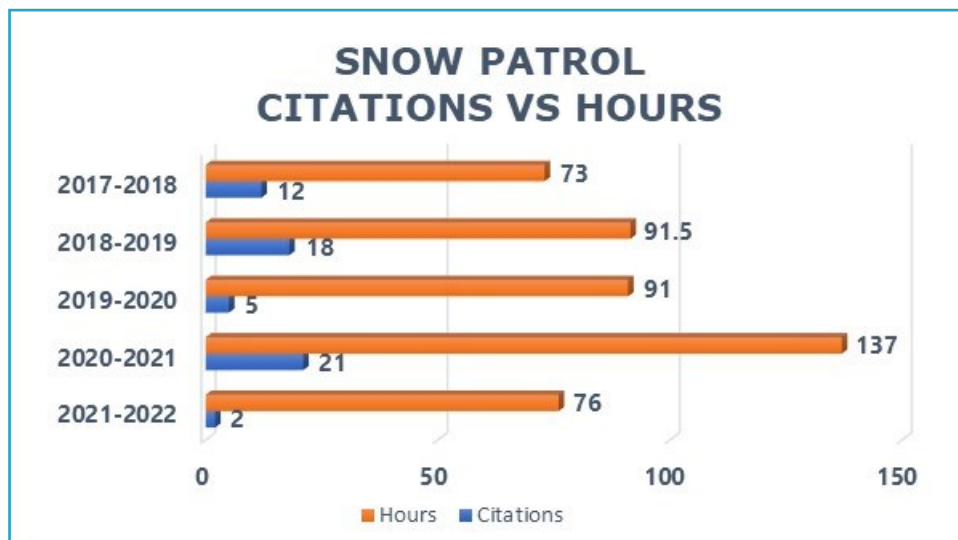
The Rock County Sheriff's Office is responsible for patrolling the 220 miles of snowmobile trails located within Rock County.

Due to the limited snowfall during the 2021-2022 Snowmobile Season, the Enforcement Team was only able to patrol 76 hours. Personnel issued two citations and four written warnings.



Snowmobile patrol expenses generated throughout the year are reimbursed up to 100 percent through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Snowmobile Enforcement Patrol Grant Program. Expenses reimbursed include, but were not limited to salaries, snowmobiles, trailers, equipment, training, and fuel.

For the 2021-2022 Season, snowmobile patrol expenses totaled \$11,422.30, with a total reimbursement of \$6,895.51.



RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU

Practice Session Photos

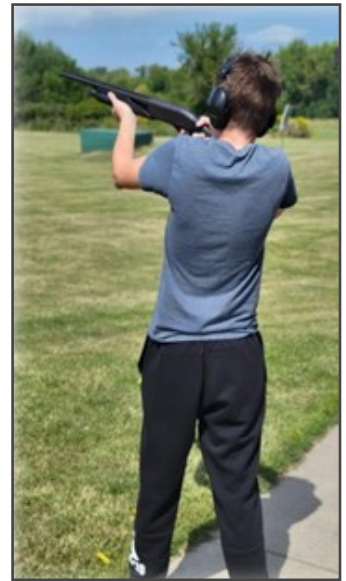


### RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU

#### SAFETY EDUCATION CLASSES

##### HUNTER EDUCATION

In 2022, the Rock County Sheriff's Office offered four Hunter Safety Education Courses. A total of 119 students graduated. The Rock County Sheriff's Office has 14 certified Hunter Education Instructors with one Lead Instructor. In 2022, Deputy Terry Borgwardt became an Apprentice Education Instructor and was later certified as a Lead Instructor for all safety classes offered by the Rock County Sheriff's Office. All DNR Safety Education Instructors are required to attend a recertification course every three years to maintain their certification.



##### SNOWMOBILE EDUCATION

The Rock County Sheriff's Office hosted three Snowmobile Safety Education Courses during the 2022 Snowmobile Season with a total of 55 graduates. The Rock County Sheriff's Office has five certified Snowmobile Education Instructors with one Lead Instructor.

##### BOATER SAFETY EDUCATION

In 2022, the Rock County Sheriff's Office held two Boater Safety Education Courses with a total of 27 graduates. Currently, the Sheriff's Office has seven certified Boater Education Instructors with one Lead Instructor.

##### ATV SAFETY EDUCATION

In 2022, the Rock County Sheriff's Office held one ATV/UTV Safety Education Course with 20 graduates. The Sheriff's Office has three certified ATV/UTV Safety Education Instructors with one Lead Instructor.

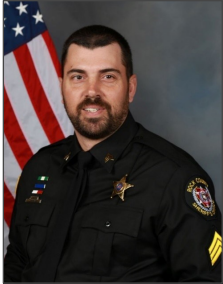
**The Rock County Sheriff's Office remains committed to promoting safety education in recreational activities!**

Deputies T. Borgwardt and T. Lund





### TRAINING



Sergeant Krahn



Secretary I  
Nicole Barrington

Staff assigned to the Training Bureau include one Sergeant, who serves as the Training Coordinator, and one Secretary I. Additionally, the Training Coordinator supervises the two Recreational Safety Deputies. The Training Bureau arranges all training for Sheriff's Office personnel to ensure that staff are adequately prepared for their position and job duties. The Training Bureau maintains training records for all staff and reports training completion to the Wisconsin Department of Justice Training & Standards Bureau so staff remain in compliance with law enforcement officer and jail officer certification requirements. The Training Bureau works closely with the agency's Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) certified

instructors to develop and implement interactive training that is policy compliant and in line with best practices. With over 200 full-time employees, the Training Bureau invests significantly in planning, coordinating, setting up, instructing, and tracking training. The Training Bureau is also responsible for community outreach efforts, including community engagement events, ride-along requests, and internships. The Training Bureau operates the agency's social media accounts and cultivates content for posts. Several other administrative tasks also fall under the Training Bureau.

### Completed Training

In 2022, Rock County Sheriff's Office staff completed over 18,069 training hours, including 11,417 hours of external training, and 6,652 hours of internal training. As 2022 progressed, COVID-19 cases decreased, and training availability returned. Staff attended many specialized trainings in 2022 that had been postponed from previous years. Leadership and professional development courses continued to be a focus to prepare personnel for greater responsibilities. Specialty teams also resumed holding regularly scheduled trainings. In 2022, Rock County increased the annual Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training requirement to two trainings per employee. Sheriff's Office staff attended an assortment of DEI trainings.



Sheriff Knudson and Captain Fell congratulated Sergeant Chris Krahn at his graduation from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) Class #518 in Pewaukee on April 8, 2022.



Sergeant Clint Rowley graduated from the 2021-2022 Rock County Leadership Development Academy on May 12, 2022.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

### 2022 Sworn Staff In-Service Training

To maintain certification as a law enforcement officer through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB), sworn staff must complete at least 24 hours of training each fiscal year. Consequently, the Sheriff's Office held a 24-hour Fall In-Service. Sworn staff trained on the following topics:

- CPR Recertification, NARCAN Refresher, and Tourniquet Application
- GLOCK Inspection, LESB Handgun Qualification, and LESB Rifle Qualification
- TASER Recertification
- Breaching and Scenarios
- Mobile Field Force
- Presentation by Sheriff Knudson
- Search Warrants
- Wellness

### 2022 Law Enforcement Academy Graduates

Deputies Kalyn Collins, Jeffery Knudson, and Logan Shelby graduated from Law Enforcement Academy Class #22-89 at Blackhawk Technical College on December 9, 2022. Law Enforcement Academy recruits receive 720 hours of instruction on the foundational knowledge and skills required for Wisconsin law enforcement officers as determined by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Training & Standards Bureau. The Law Enforcement Academy covers a wide range of material, including, but not limited to, Foundations of Professional Policing, Legal Context, Tactical Skills, Patrol Procedures, Investigations, Physical Fitness and Officer Wellness, Integration Exercises, and Practical Exercises and Final Skills Scenarios.

Upon completion of the Law Enforcement Academy, Deputies Collins, Knudson, and Shelby started the 15-week Police Training Officer (PTO) Program. The PTO Program is a student-centered approach to field training where new deputies utilize Problem-Based Learning (PBL) techniques to learn the skills needed to perform the functions of a patrol deputy. New deputies develop their ability to solve problems proactively as community caretakers. The PTO Program consists of four training phases and thirteen core competencies. The phases are Non-Emergency Incident Response, Patrol Operations, Emergency Incident Response, and Criminal Investigations. Throughout the PTO Program, experienced deputies ride with the new deputies and guide them through calls for service. This close mentorship gives new deputies opportunities to fail forward and learn without compromising the services provided to the community.



Sheriff Knudson swore in Deputies Collins, Shelby, and Knudson on August 3, 2022.

### **CORRECTIONS TRAINING**

#### 2022 Correctional Staff In-Service Training

Correctional staff must attend at least 24 hours of training each fiscal year to remain certified as a jail officer through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board. Accordingly, the Sheriff's Office held a 24-hour Fall In-Service. Correctional staff learned about the following topics:

- CPR Recertification, NARCAN Refresher, and Tourniquet Application
- Fire Safety and Evacuation
- Classification
- GAINS: Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses
- Presentation by Sheriff Knudson
- Suicide Prevention
- Principles of Subject Control (POSC)
- TASER Recertification
- Wellness

#### 2022 Jail Academy Graduates

In 2022, twenty correctional officers graduated from a Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College. Correctional Officers Walker Bown, Ethan Griffith, Justin Hansen, Brandon Jones, Gage Meyers, Sydney Miller, Steven Myher, Zachary Quick, and Alexander Seichter completed Class #22-27 from January 31, 2022, through March 4, 2022. Correctional Officers Kenton Beishir, Yoselin Castaneda, Harrison Creed, Tyler Funke, Michael Geske, Ian Grice, Matthew Kowalski, Caitlin Mau, Tyler Quade, Mackenzie White, and Kyle Wiessinger attended Class #22-28 from March 21, 2022, through April 22, 2022.

The Jail Academy utilizes a 200-hour curriculum developed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Training & Standards Bureau. The Jail Academy consists of two phases. Phase I topics include Academy Orientation, Admit and Release, Correctional Law, Jail Health Care, Introduction to Corrections, Jail Officer Wellness, Maintain Jail Security, Professional Communication Skills, POSC, and Prepare Reports. Phase II covers CPR with AED, Ethics and Ethical Decision Making, Fire Safety, Inmate Supervision and Behavior Control, Investigations, Jail Hostage Response, POSC, Respecting Cultural Diversity, Suicide Prevention, and Supervision of Special Needs/Crisis Intervention. Correctional officers attend a Jail Academy within a year of their hire date to gain the requisite knowledge and skills to obtain jail officer certification. Upon hire, new correctional officers enter an internal 8-week Jail Training Program where they learn the policies, procedures, and protocols of the Rock County Jail.



Nine correctional officers graduated from a Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on March 4, 2022



Eleven correctional officers graduated from a Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on April 22, 2022

### **TRAINING**

#### Hosted Trainings

In 2022, the Rock County Sheriff's Office hosted nine trainings, in addition to nine sessions of Fall 2022 In-Service, and welcomed staff from local law enforcement agencies.

#### ALERRT

Active shooter instruction remained a top training priority in 2022. As part of a countywide initiative to train all local law enforcement officers on critical response, the Rock County Sheriff's Office hosted nine sessions of the 16-hour Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Level I Basic during 2022. In total, thirty-two Rock County Sheriff's Office law enforcement officers attended alongside countless cops from surrounding agencies. ALERRT prepares cops to isolate, distract, and neutralize an active shooter. ALERRT is a nationally recognized program for active shooter response training developed by Texas State University. The FBI Milwaukee Field Office administers regional sessions with instructors from the FBI and local law enforcement agencies.

#### Uniform Committee

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office formed a committee of sworn, correctional, and support staff to evaluate the agency's uniforms. The 7-person committee, led by the Training Bureau staff, met several times. The committee reviewed the current uniforms for all positions, explored uniform offerings from regional vendors, wear-tested uniforms from multiple manufacturers, identified uniform items to recommend, and worked with a vendor on the development of a webstore Sheriff's Office staff can use to purchase approved uniforms. In early 2023, the committee will present their recommendations to the Command Staff. The updated uniforms will provide consistency throughout the agency, and the online store will streamline the ordering process. Committee members include Sergeant Chris Krahn, Deputy Dan Merrick, Deputy Cole Walsh, Correctional Officer Shannon Techmeier, Nicole Barrington, Chris Johnson, and Kayla Taft.

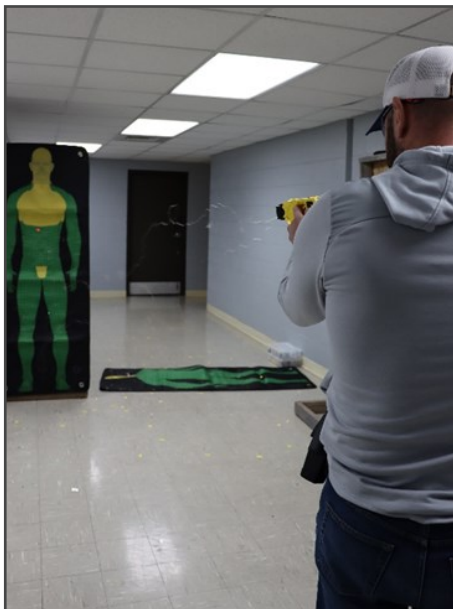


Sergeants Caleb Beutin, Andy Reed, Maria Amador, and Greg Westness completed the FBI-LEEDA Leadership Trilogy on May 6, 2022.

Nicole Barrington

### TRAINING

#### Training Photos



# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Sergeant Kohler



Administrative Assistant  
Mariah Brown

#### Mission

The Emergency Management Bureau of the Rock County Sheriff's Office coordinates and collaborates with the whole community to advance Rock County's readiness, response, and resiliency to all hazards impacting the community.

#### Vision

To build the most disaster resilient community that encourages safety and preparedness through strong leadership and community-wide partnerships.



#### 2022 New Normal

In 2022, Rock County Emergency Management began evaluating the program's "new normal" following the Covid-19 pandemic. This included a review of emergency operation plans and procedures, phone notification trees, resource lists, technology, and critical infrastructure. Emergency Management also continued providing personal protective equipment (PPE) to County staff, public safety agencies, and health care providers to aid in the ongoing Covid-19 response efforts.



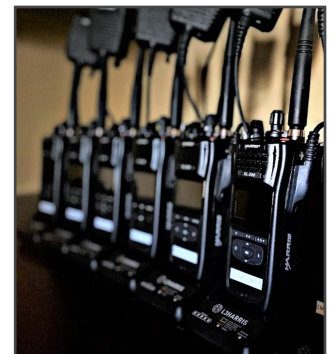
#### Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team

Rock County Emergency Management continues their ongoing partnership with the City of Janesville Fire Department to provide countywide hazardous materials response services in the event of a hazmat release in Rock County. The Janesville Fire Department also provides hazmat training to public safety agencies across Rock County.



#### New Radios

Thanks to the generous support of the Rock County Public Health Department, Emergency Management received eight new portable Harris radios in 2022, totaling more than \$40,000. These radios are going to greatly improve our capabilities to achieve interoperability at multi-jurisdictional incidents.



# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

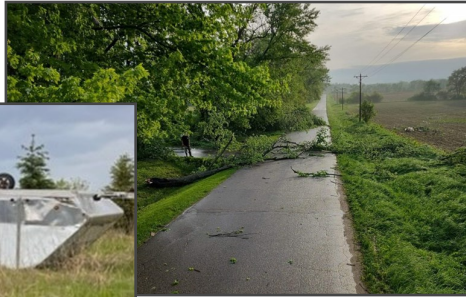
### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### Tornado West of Beloit: May 25, 2022

An EF-0 tornado packing peak winds of 75 mph touched down west of Beloit at 6:45 pm on May 25, 2022. The tornado traveled a path of 2.5 miles, spanning a width of half a football field. The storm left behind a trail of debris, damaged property, and caused minor injury to livestock.



A personal trailer travelled across a property before landing on its roof during the storm. Team Members prepare to capture damages.



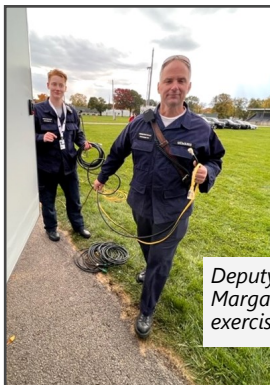
Debris management and road clearance must also be assessed by Emergency Management following large storms.



A new construction home could not sustain the 75mph winds.

### State Interoperable Mobile Communication (SIMCOM): October 12-14, 2022

Rock County Emergency Management hosted Wisconsin's annual State Interoperable Mobile Communication (SIMCOM) exercise this year. Representatives from multiple agencies work together to test the connections needed to support an emergency response. Participants were staged at locations in Rock and Wood counties. Those in attendance included about 150 participants representing state agencies, private sector partners, 27 Wisconsin county governments, and eight other states. SIMCOM allows emergency responders, amateur radio operators, and other communications experts to move through the steps necessary to establish interoperable communications between agencies.



**SIMCOM at Rock County Fairgrounds**

Deputy Chief McManus and Margaret Zieke conducting exercise scenarios.



Wisconsin Emergency Management Incident Command Trailer



Dane County Emergency Management Incident Trailer



Wisconsin Joint Task Force

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

#### Rock County Hazardous Mitigation Plan Update 2022-2023

In 2022, Rock County Emergency Management received a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant to update the 5-year Rock County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Rock County Hazard Mitigation Plan helps prepare our communities for natural and human-made disasters. The purpose of mitigation planning is to identify actions and policies that can reduce the risks and losses from future hazard events. Research shows that each federal grant dollar spent on mitigation saves an average of six dollars in future recovery costs.

By maintaining a FEMA-approved plan, all participating Rock County communities maintain eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding.

Every Rock County city, village, and township was invited to participate in the 2022 mitigation plan update. Community representatives, along with stakeholders from other county agencies and organizations, were given the opportunity to share their feedback at four in-person meetings through a written questionnaire, and/or through direct communication with the planning team.

Using the plan, Rock County can strategize projects for future mitigation projects to improve Rock County's ability to respond and recover from disasters.

The plan will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2023 for publication.

#### Hazards evaluated in the Rock County Mitigation Plan:

- Climate change (High)
- Cyber-attack (High)
- Winter storms, extreme cold (Medium - High)
- Disruption of lifelines (Medium - High)
- Hazardous materials releases (Medium - High)
- High winds, tornadoes, and other wind hazards (Medium)
- Severe thunderstorms, lightning, and hail (Medium)
- Mass casualty incidents (including active shooter and domestic terrorism) (Medium)
- Infectious disease (Medium)
- Food and agricultural crises (Medium)
- Radiological event (Medium)
- Extreme heat and drought (Medium – Low)





### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** County Appointed Committees and Councils

#### Rock County LEPC

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is responsible for emergency response planning, developing, and maintaining facilities' off-site emergency response plans and the county's hazard analysis for both fixed facilities and transportation. LEPCs assess the county hazmat response resources and equipment, respond to public requests for information under the Community Right-to-Know Act, and conduct hazmat training and exercises.

The Rock County LEPC consists of up to 21 members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the County Board. To the extent practical, members are geographically diverse and represent a substantive cross-section of elected officials, emergency response providers, government officials, broadcast and print media, community groups, and operators of facilities subject to the requirements of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Members are appointed to three-year terms.

LEPC Member	Agency
Supervisor Mary Beaver	Rock County Board
Supervisor Karla Herrmann	Rock County Board
Deputy Chief Todd Kleisner	Janesville Police Department
Captain Jason Daskum	Janesville Fire Department
Chief Jason Rowland	Town of Turtle Fire Department
Patti Miller	City of Beloit Emergency Manager
Todd Lambert	Big Radio
Justin Brown	WJVL
Robert Wildermuth	Wildermuth Farms
David Botts	Janesville Water Utility
Sharon Rateike	SSM Health - St. Mary's Janesville
Allen Geeser	Beloit Health System
Jay Gasser	Abitec Corporation
Todd Bolen	Dupont Industrial Biosciences
Robert Swenarski	SSM Health - St. Mary's Janesville
Sergeant Shena Kohler	Rock County Sheriff's Office
Michael Niles	Rock County Public Health

#### Rock County EMS Advisory Council

The Rock County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council was created under Resolution No. 76-12A-127 to develop and maintain the Rock County Emergency Medical Services Plan. The council consists of up to 23 members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the County Board. To the extent practicable, members are geographically diverse and represent a substantive cross-section of elected officials, licensed ambulance operators, emergency response providers, medical professionals, local hospitals, and community groups. Members serve three-year terms.

Member	Agency
Chris Wistrom, D.O.	Mercy Hospital & Trauma Center
Jake Zadra, M.D.	SSM Health – St. Mary's Janesville
Battalion Chief Peter Mory	Milton Fire Department
Deputy Chief Jamie Kessenich	Janesville Fire Department
Chief Carolyn Kleisch	Evansville EMS Department
Chief Randall Pickering	Edgerton Fire Department
Lieutenant Matt Ahrens	Beloit Fire Department
Erin Ryan	Ryan Brothers Ambulance
Lieutenant Addison Sennett	Beloit Township Fire Department
Chief Jason Rowland	Turtle Fire Department
Chief Mark Ruosch	Clinton Fire & Rescue
Conner Ruosch	Edgerton Hospital & Health Services
Joe Murray	Mercy Health System
Jodi Moyer	Beloit Health System
Robert Swenarski	SSM Health - St. Mary's Janesville
Robert Balsamo	Blackhawk Technical College
Supervisor Ron Bomkamp	Rock County Board
Cristina Figueroa Soto	Rock County Medical Examiner's Office
Sergeant Shena Kohler	Rock County Sheriff's Office
Michael Niles	Rock County Public Health

Sergeant Kohler

### SWAT

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team activates for critical incidents that require tactical expertise beyond the capabilities of patrol and investigative personnel. The SWAT Team trains regularly to ensure operational readiness for active shooters, hostage rescues, armed barricaded subjects, high-risk warrant services, high-risk apprehensions, high-risk security operations, dignitary protection details, armored vehicle operations, and other special operations authorized by the SWAT Commander.



The SWAT Team is currently comprised of twenty-two operators, two medics, a tactical sUAS (drone) pilot, and a scribe. This includes one operator from the Town of Beloit Police Department, two operators from the Evansville Police Department, and two paramedics from the Town of Beloit Fire Department.

The SWAT Team experienced a significant leadership transition in 2022 with the retirement of SWAT Commander Curtis Fell due to his election to Sheriff. This resulted in the advancement of several operators with new leaders in the following roles: Commander, Assistant Commander, Entry Team Leader, Perimeter Team Leader, and Sniper Team Leader. The SWAT Team also saw the resignations of four operators: Deputy Neil Bennett (2012-2022), Deputy Chad Aldrich (2016-2022), Deputy Cody St. Michael (2017-2022) and K9 Kamo, and Deputy Mathew Christidis (2019-2022). In 2022, four operators joined the SWAT Team. They are Sergeant Greg Westness, Deputy Kyle Kunkel, Deputy Joshua Peterson and his partner K9 Finn, and Deputy Cole Walsh.

In 2022, the SWAT Team maximized training time to build cohesiveness with so many new operators and leaders and to overcome the previous years' training limitations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The SWAT Team practices at least monthly to maintain callout readiness.

Nicole Barrington



Deputies Aldrich, Whitehead, and Davis train with gas masks at the Rock County Health Care Center.

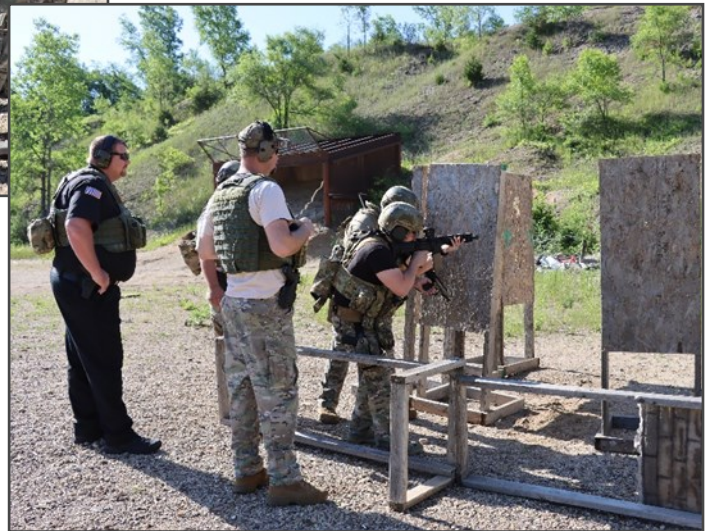


Sgt. Solturas and EVPD Officer Schmidt conduct a building search training exercise at the Lincoln Academy.

### SWAT



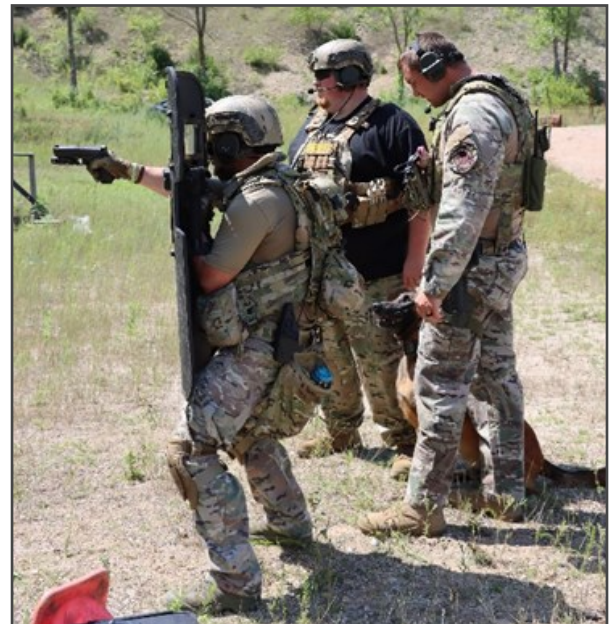
SWAT operators practice room entries during a SWAT Range.



SWAT leadership watches room entries at a SWAT Range.



K9 Kamo bites Deputy DeBoer during a K9 demo at SWAT practice.



Deputy Albeck acclimates K9 Jax to gunfire during a SWAT Range.



## SWAT CALLOUTS IN 2022

In 2022, the Rock County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team activated 19 times. This is more than double the number of activations in 2021.

**February 24, 2022** – High-Risk Search Warrant at 1849 Fayette Avenue in Beloit. The SWAT Team and the City of Beloit Police Department Tactical Operations Unit executed a narcotics search warrant secured by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). Simultaneously, DCI served a search warrant at 1950 Fairview Drive in Beloit. These search warrants resulted in the seizure of narcotics trafficking evidence, including 1 kilogram of cocaine, 3 pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, 3 handguns, ammunition, and \$300,000 cash. The suspect was taken into custody.

**March 4, 2022** – High-Risk Search Warrant at 1221 Keeler Avenue in Beloit. An element of SWAT operators executed a narcotics search warrant secured by the Special Investigations Unit.

**April 6, 2022** – High-Risk Eviction at 6322 N. Curtis Road in Porter Township. A SWAT element assisted the Civil Process Bureau with serving an eviction and clearing the residence.

**April 14, 2022** – High-Risk Search Warrant at 615½ E. Cranston Road in Beloit. SWAT operators executed a narcotics search warrant secured by the Special Investigations Unit.

**May 11, 2022** – Assist Other Jurisdiction Search Warrant at 1621 Dewey Avenue in Beloit. SWAT operators assisted the City of Beloit Police Department Tactical Operations Unit with executing a search warrant for firearms and stolen property regarding a subject who threatened police.

**May 11, 2022** – Assist Other Jurisdiction Search Warrant at 320½ Highland Avenue in Beloit. A SWAT element assisted the City of Beloit Police Department Tactical Operations Unit with executing a search warrant reference a drug and illegal firearm investigation.

**May 20-21, 2022** – Assist Other Jurisdiction Callout at W5234 Sterlingworth Court in Elkhorn. The Walworth County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team requested assistance with a barricaded subject firing an AK Rifle in a residential neighborhood. The SWAT Team responded and assisted. The Walworth County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team located the subject deceased within the residence.

**June 2, 2022** – High-Risk Search Warrant at 1722 Chapman Avenue in Beloit. The SWAT Team executed a search warrant secured by the Special Investigations Unit. Simultaneously, the City of Beloit Police Department Tactical Operations Unit executed a warrant at 1011 Oak Street in Beloit. The Rock County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau served a related search warrant at 2237 Burton Street, Apartment #38 in Beloit. These search warrants resulted in the arrests of two subjects on several narcotics charges and additional charges for a third incarcerated subject.

**June 8, 2022** – High-Risk Search Warrant at 1924 S. Royce Avenue in Beloit. The SWAT Team, with elements from the Walworth County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team and the Town of Beloit Police Department, executed a search warrant for narcotics trafficking and prostitution secured by the Special Investigations Unit. Concurrently, the City of Beloit Police Department Tactical Operations Unit served a search warrant at 1941 Fayette Avenue in Beloit. These search warrants resulted in the arrest of one subject for drug trafficking, prostitution, and felon in possession of a firearm, and the arrest of another subject for drug trafficking, possession of cocaine and fentanyl, neglecting a child, and felony bail jumping.

**SWAT CALLOUTS IN 2022**

**June 22, 2022** – High-Risk Search Warrant at 1673 Nelson Avenue in Beloit. The SWAT Team executed a search warrant secured by the Detective Bureau for evidence related to a shooting in Rockvale Mobile Home Park.

**June 29, 2022** – Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Search Warrant at 108 S. Center Street in Orfordville. An element of the SWAT Team executed an ICAC and narcotics search warrant secured by the Detective Bureau.

**July 12, 2022** – Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Search Warrant at 1700 W. Happy Hollow Road in Janesville. SWAT executed an ICAC search warrant secured by the Detective Bureau.

**July 22, 2022** – Assist Other Jurisdiction Callout at a residence in the 2100 block of Candy Lane in Beloit. The City of Beloit Police Department Tactical Operations Unit requested assistance with an active call of a barricaded subject with pending felony charges. The SWAT Team activated. While en route, the suspect was taken into custody.

**October 10, 2022** – Callout at 5137 N. Buckskin Drive in Harmony Township. The Patrol Bureau received a report of domestic violence at this residence and encountered a barricaded subject. The SWAT Team and the Hostage Negotiations Team activated and took over the operation. After a several-hour standoff, the SWAT Team entered the residence and located the deceased subject.

**November 9, 2022** – High-Risk Search Warrant at 414 Elm Street in Milton. The SWAT Team executed a narcotics search warrant secured by the Special Investigations Unit. This search warrant resulted in the arrests of four subjects and additional charges for an incarcerated subject.

**November 30, 2022** – High-Risk Search Warrant at 949 W. Grand Avenue in Beloit. The SWAT Team executed a narcotics search warrant secured by the Special Investigations Unit. This search warrant yielded 73 grams of cocaine, \$17,000 cash, and a few firearms and resulted in the arrests of two subjects for an assortment of drug charges, including manufacturing and delivering fentanyl and cocaine and felon in possession of a firearm.

**December 1, 2022** – Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Search Warrant at a residence on S. Hopkins Road in the Town of Avon. The SWAT Team activated to serve an ICAC search warrant secured by the Detective Bureau. The SWAT Team disregarded the warrant service based on intel.

**December 7, 2022** – Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Search Warrant at 2157 S. Wisconsin Avenue in Beloit. SWAT executed an ICAC search warrant obtained by the Detective Bureau.

**December 28, 2022** – Assist Other Jurisdiction Search Warrant at 1352 Porter Avenue in Beloit. The City of Beloit Police Department Tactical Operations Unit requested assistance with a high-risk warrant service. An element of the SWAT Team assisted.

# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

### SWAT Training Exercises at Volk Field, April 2022



Sgt. Jacobson and EVPD Officer Nankee prepare to advance.



SWAT operators clear Conex cargo containers.



SWAT officers practice an officer rescue.



SWAT Commander Fell observes SWAT operators during training.



Deputies Aldrich and Whitehead utilize a shield for cover during a scenario.

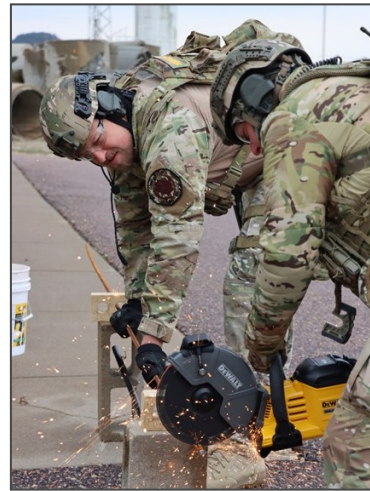
# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

### SWAT Training Exercises at Volk Field, April 2022



SWAT operators deploy K9 Kamo to search a Conex cargo container.



Deputy Aldrich and TBPD Officer Woerth practice cutting rebar.



A SWAT element stacked up behind a shield operator approaches a residence during a scenario.



Deputy Hathorn fires a rifle.



SWAT operators and K9 Jax move on a target location.

### HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

The Hostage Negotiations Team is part of the Rock County SWAT team which provides a way to communicate with subjects during crisis situations. The purpose of the Hostage Negotiations Team is to attempt contact with the subject in crisis and speak with them to end the situation peacefully.



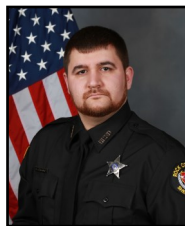
Correctional Supervisor Wilson

Over the last year, we had two members leave the team due to retirement. These two team members were Correctional Supervisor Erin Wilson and Deputy Niles Boeche. Losing these team members is a loss of a combined 30-plus years of experience and knowledge in hostage negotiations. We thank Correctional Supervisor Wilson and Deputy Boeche for their many years of service to the Hostage Negotiations Team.

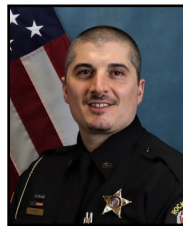


Deputy Boeche

Late last year the team welcomed three new members to the team. Deputy Michael Borgwardt, Deputy Allen Peters, and Correctional Officer Josue Echeverria. Deputy Peters is a former negotiator from Green County Sheriff's Office and brings years of experience to the team. Both Deputy Borgwardt and Correctional Officer Echeverria will be attending a basic negotiations course in 2023.



Deputy M. Borgwardt

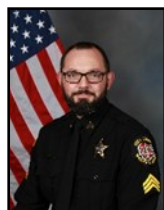


Deputy Peters



Correctional Officer Echeverria

The team is led by Sergeant Caleb Beutin. Sergeant Michael Schauer, Deputy Monica Fuentes, Deputy Jason Laufenberg, and Correctional Officer Dan Banks make up the rest of the team.



Sergeant Beutin



Sergeant Schauer



Deputy Fuentes



Deputy Laufenberg



Correctional Officer Banks

The Hostage Negotiations team had several callouts in 2022. On one call, team members actively communicated with a subject in crisis who was unwilling to give his location. The team also communicated with other family and friends via phone. As a result of the negotiations, we were able to successfully locate the subject and take him into custody without anyone being injured.

Sergeant Beutin



### MOBILE FIELD FORCE

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Mobile Field Force was formed in 2012. This 12-member team trained with similar teams from the Janesville and Beloit Police Departments. These three teams are designed to form a multi-jurisdictional response to situations requiring teams that are specially trained and equipped for crowd management.

The Mobile Field Force consists of a team commander, an assistant team commander, and ten operators. All team members, minus one new addition, have received advanced training in Field Force Operations (FFO). Approximately half of the team is also trained in Field Force Extrications (FFE). This "Cut Team" would be assigned to extract embedded protestors that are utilizing protestor devices. At this time, six team members still need to receive FFE training, and efforts will be made to send team members to attend training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, Alabama.

With regards to grenadiers, a plan is in place to implement SWAT grenadiers to deliver chemical and non-chemical crowd management and dispersal products if required. As we move further into 2023, SWAT grenadiers will attend some MFF practices to remain relevant and promote team cohesiveness.

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

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

#### Mobile Field Force Deployments in 2022

The only deployment in 2022 that the Mobile Field Force attended was the UW-Whitewater "Spring Splash" event in April. Seven team members deployed in mixed squads with members of the Janesville Police Department and Walworth County SET team. The goal was to increase police presence and attempt a proactive approach to reducing alcohol violations. The one-day event resulted in only a few minor violations/arrests with no injuries to personnel.

#### Goals for 2023

As of right now, the Republican National Convention (RNC) will occur in Milwaukee in July 2024. The Sheriff's Office has been notified by Milwaukee County Sheriff of the likelihood of being requested to assist. Therefore, the Mobile Field Force must continue to train and acquire equipment in preparation of this event. Short-term goals will be to get all required training (FFO, FFE) offered to team members by the end of the year. In addition, purchasing all 2023 awarded budget items and careful budgeting for items in 2024 is paramount. Due to changes in protestor dynamics/tactics, the purchasing of ballistic gear (helmets, rifle chest plates) has been recommended and will be advocated for in 2024.

Another goal is to advocate the implementation of a multi-jurisdictional team for the Mobile Field Force. The plan would be to benchmark the model already in place with the SWAT team. This effort would be to bolster the team numbers by including members from satellite agencies.

Finally, the goal of performing joint practices with Janesville and Beloit Mobile Field Force teams is preferred. In addition, joint practices with the SWAT team and grenadiers are desired.



Trainees cutting a mock protestor device



MFF during the 2020 Kenosha protests

Captain Jacobson

### **POLICE EXPLORERS POST 2501**

Law Enforcement Exploring is the preeminent career orientation and experience program for young people contemplating a career in law enforcement or a related field in the criminal justice system. Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. Exploring is all about helping young adults make a more informed decision about future careers and determine if a career in law enforcement is right for them.

Rock County Police Explorers Post #2501 was created in May, 2018. Post #2501 currently consists of ten Police Explorers and eight Advisors. The Police Explorers are completely self-sufficient and operate solely on fundraising and donations.

Sergeant Reed



#### **Post Advisors**

Captain Kimberly Litsheim	Sergeant Gregory Westness
Sergeant Caleb Beutin	Deputy Erik Albeck
Sergeant Ryan Ooms	Deputy Margaret Albeck
Sergeant Andrew Reed	Deputy Zachary Anacker



Shoot/Don't Shoot Training at Blackhawk Technical College with Janesville Police Cadets



Simulator Training at Blackhawk Technical College



Traffic Stop Scenario at the Rock County Sheriff's Office



CERT and WRAP Training at the Training Bureau



Baton Training at the Training Bureau



OC Training at the Training Bureau

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Sheriff's Office staff participated in Janesville's Jolly Jingle Holiday Light Parade on December 3, 2022.

The Community Engagement Team attended numerous community events in 2022. Many events returned as COVID-19 cases decreased. Team members appreciated the additional opportunities to connect with community members. These positive interactions strengthen the bonds between Sheriff's Office staff and the community members we serve and are invaluable. Notably, the Sheriff's Office hosted community cookouts at three local mobile home parks in 2022. These events gave residents a chance to meet their neighbors and interact with Sheriff's Office staff in a casual setting.

The Training Bureau coordinates participation in community engagement events, including the Community Engagement Team, which is comprised of Sergeant Chris Krahn, Nicole Barrington, Sergeant Nick Brown, Captain Doug Coulter, Captain Mark Thompson, Sergeant Maria Amador, Sergeant Josh Lund, Sergeant Ryan Ooms, Sergeant Andy Reed, Sergeant David Rossmiller, Sergeant Clint Rowley, Correctional Officer Steven Fraser, Deputy Erik Albeck, Deputy Anthony Barr, Deputy Terry Borgwardt, Deputy Trevor Lund, Deputy Emily Miller, Deputy Josh Peterson, Deputy Cody St. Michael, Deputy Ross Wenger, Deputy Jason Wescott, Deputy Dave Wilson, Correctional Officer Christy Mansfield, and Administrative Assistant Lucia Esquivel.

Nicole Barrington

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### Community Cookouts

##### Wright's Mobile Home Park



##### Rockvale Mobile Home Park

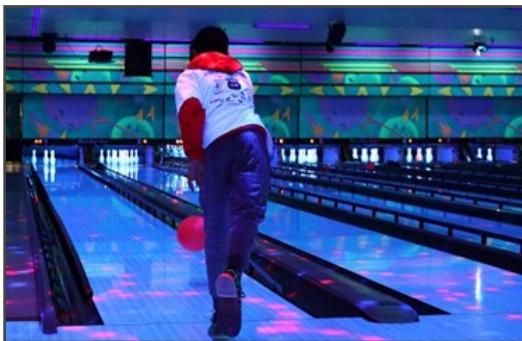


##### Midway Village Mobile Home Park

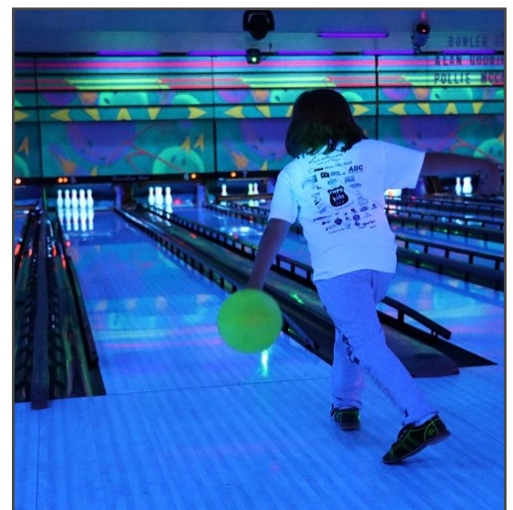


### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Gutter Busters



March 12, 2022  
RiversEdge Bowl



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Cops & Bobbers



**June 7, 2022**  
Floating Toy, Newville  
**July 12, 2022**  
Kiwanis Pond, Janesville  
**August 9, 2022**  
Riverside Park, Beloit



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### Special Olympics

##### Torch Run



##### Cop on a Rooftop



**Special  
Olympics**  
Wisconsin





# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### National Night Out



**August 2, 2022**

Traxler Park, Janesville PD

**August 3, 2022**

Riverside Park, Beloit PD

**August 16, 2022**

Lake Leota Park - Evansville Night Out



# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### Rock County 4-H Fair



#### Rock County Dairy Breakfast

**June 4, 2022**

Glacier Edge Dairy, Milton



#### Trunk Or Treat

**October 21, 2022**

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and School

**October 27, 2022**

Beloit Area Community Health Center



# LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

## SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### Shop With A Cop



December 6, 2022

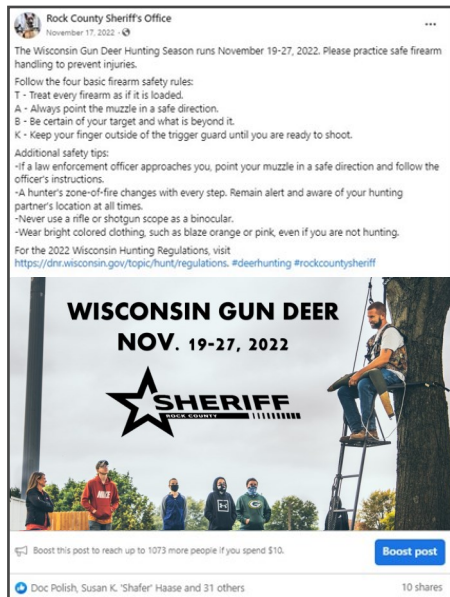
Blain's Farm and Fleet - Janesville School District

December 8, 2022

Janesville Walmart - Milton School District

#### Social Media

The Rock County Sheriff's Office utilizes social media to connect with community members 24/7. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for current information on critical incidents, community events, and happenings at the Sheriff's Office.



facebook Instagram

@RockSheriff

@rockcountysheriff

### GRANTS

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

**\$130,195 - Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG):** The federal government, through the EMPG Program, provides necessary direction, coordination, and guidance, and provides necessary assistance to support a comprehensive all-hazards emergency preparedness system. The funds were used to support the Emergency Management Division.



**\$52,891 - Highway Safety Project:** The Highway Safety Project is designed to reduce traffic accidents, deaths, and injuries on the highways. The project has three segments, which include Alcohol Enforcement, Speed Enforcement, and Seatbelt Enforcement. Funds were spent on overtime saturation patrols.

**\$39,222 - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Grant:** EPCRA establishes requirements regarding emergency planning and "Community Right-to-Know" reporting on hazardous and toxic chemicals. Communities, working with facilities, can use the information to improve chemical safety and protect public health and the environment. The funds were used to operate the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).



**\$56,517 - State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP):** SCAAP provides federal payments to states and localities that incur correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens. The funds are required to be used for correctional purposes only. FY20 and FY21 grant funds were both received in 2022.

**\$30,400 - Department of Natural Resources State Aid for Water Patrol:** The Sheriff's Office partners with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to perform search and rescue missions and to enforce state and local ordinances on local waterways.



**\$23,130 - Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program/Equitably Shared Funds:** The Asset Forfeiture Program is a nationwide law enforcement initiative that removes the tools of crime from criminal organizations, deprives wrongdoers of the proceeds of their crimes, recovers property, and deters crime.



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

### GRANTS

**\$13,000 - Department of Natural Resources State Aid for ATV/Snowmobile Patrol:** The Sheriff's Office partners with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to perform search and rescue missions and to enforce state and local ordinances on both snowmobile and ATV trails.



**\$10,105 - Computer and Hazardous Material Equipment Grant:** Funds were used to purchase equipment for the Hazardous Materials Response Team.

**\$6,911 - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG):** The JAG program is a partnership among federal, state, and local governments to create safer communities. Grants may be used to provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems. In 2022, the Sheriff's Office partnered with the Beloit and Janesville Police Departments. The three agencies received an award totaling \$34,557.



**\$107,615 - SAFER Communities Funds for Law Enforcement Agencies:** In March of 2022, Governor Evers announced his initiative to make Wisconsin communities safer by utilizing Federal ARPA funds and distributing them to state and local law enforcement agencies. The Sheriff's Office was allocated \$107,615 in grant funds to be utilized for specific law enforcement needs. Funding is available for purchases made until July of 2023.

**\$5,000 - Anti-Heroin (COPS) Grant:** The Wisconsin Department of Justice-Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) provides reimbursement for pre-approved overtime for the purpose of conducting heroin and opioid investigative activities, execution of search warrants, and arresting of individuals.



**\$65,000 - HIDTA Grant:** The Sheriff's Office has received grant funding from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program for several years. The HIDTA program is administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). The purpose of the HIDTA Program is to reduce drug trafficking and drug production in the United States. This grant provides funding resources to designated agencies to carry out activities that address specific drug threats within their areas.



**\$9,725 - SIMCOM 2022 Grant Funds:** Wisconsin Emergency Management received a grant to conduct a collaborative, live-play, statewide communications exercise between state and local stakeholders to test interoperability in a disaster. Training was conducted over a two-day period, including participation from the Sheriff's Office and other local, state and federal agencies.

**During 2022, the Rock County Sheriff's Office was awarded grants totaling \$690,524.**

Michelle Wilson

# ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## BUILDING REDESIGN PROJECT



Before Construction



Near the end of 2022

# ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## BUILDING REDESIGN PROJECT



From the West



From the East

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There you will find direct links to many Rock County Sheriff's Office members.

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