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2023



EAU CLAIRE COUNTY COURTHOUSE



SHERIFF
DAVE RIEWESTAHL

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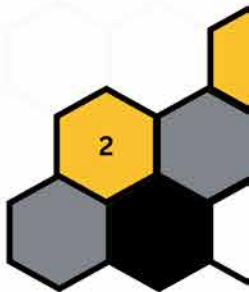
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SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

To: The People of Eau Claire County

From: Sheriff Dave Riewestahl

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your Sheriff. We continue to assess the changing trends in law enforcement to provide the people of Eau Claire County with the most efficient service possible.

2023 was a year of significant personnel changes, there has been turnover at almost all levels in the Security Services Division and Field Services Division. Even with these changes our office has still been able to fulfill its mission and vision.

This is due to the employees we have working for our office. This report will highlight the great work our employees do for the people of Eau Claire County.

As we embark on this new year together, I extend my deepest appreciation to the people of Eau Claire County for your ongoing support and collaboration. Together, we can continue to build a safer, more vibrant community for all.

Dave Riewestahl



THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF

This organization is officially known as the "Office of the Sheriff" or more commonly known as the "Sheriff's Office."

As the Sheriff is a constitutionally elected position, the term "Sheriff's Department" is, by definition, incorrect.

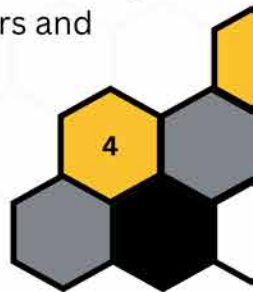
What is the difference between Sheriff's Department and Sheriff's Office, and why should it matter? To answer the first question, we can turn to Black's Law Dictionary, which defines the terms as follows:

- Department: 'One of the major divisions of the executive branch of the government generally, a branch or division of governmental administration.'
- Office: 'A right, and correspondent duty, to exercise a public trust. A public charge or employment, the most frequent occasions to use the word arise with reference to a duty and power conferred on an individual by the government; and when this is the connection, 'public office' is a usual and more discriminating expression in the constitutional sense, the term implies an authority to exercise some portion of the sovereign power, whether in making, executing, or administering the laws.'

Clearly, the Office of Sheriff is not simply another department of county government. Its internal operations are the sole responsibility of the Sheriff. County department heads are subordinate to the County Administrator because they are truly only a division of county government, and they work for him/her and for the governing body of the county (i.e. County Board.)

The Office of Sheriff, on the other hand, is a Constitutional Office having exclusive powers and authority. These powers are not subject to the dictates of a county administrator or the whims of a county board. The powers of this office have been exercised for hundreds of years.

A Sheriff's Office, then, is fundamentally different from a county department, which derives its limited authority from whatever is delegated to it. This delegation is made by those individuals who hold an elected position, of office, in the governing body. The use of 'department' actually refers to a subordinate unit of government, rather than to a body with inherent powers and sovereignty, such as the Office of Sheriff.



OFFICE OF SHERIFF DUTIES

The Office of Sheriff has certain unique duties, powers, and responsibilities different from other law enforcement agencies. Some of these include (Wis. Stat. § 59.26 - 59.29):

- The Sheriff shall have command of the law enforcement force of the County.
- Take the charge and custody of the jail maintained by the county, including that portion of any jail that is used by the County in a joint government building, and the persons in the jail, and keep the persons in the jail personally or by a deputy or jailer.
- Keep a true and exact register of all prisoners committed to the jail.
- Attend upon the circuit court held in the County during its session. The Sheriff or one or more deputies shall attend the court of appeals when it is in session in the County.
- Personally, or by the Undersheriff or deputies, serve or execute all processes, writs, precepts, and orders issued or made by lawful authority and delivered to the Sheriff.
- To enforce in the County all general orders of the department of safety and professional services relating to the sale, transportation, and storage of explosives.
- Conduct operations within the County and in waters of which the County has jurisdiction for the rescue of human beings and for the recovery of human bodies.
- Enforce all city, or village, ordinances in a city or village, in which the sheriff provides law enforcement services under a contract described under Wis. Stat. § 62.13(2s)(a).
- The Sheriff, Undersheriff, and deputies shall keep and preserve the peace in the County and quiet and suppress all affrays, routs, riots, unlawful assemblies, and insurrections; for which purpose, and for the service of processes in civil or criminal cases and in the apprehending or securing any person for felony or breach of the peace they may call to their aid such persons or power of the County as they consider necessary.
- County law enforcement agencies may request the assistance of law enforcement personnel or may assist other law enforcement agencies as provided by law.
- The Sheriff or other officer who has legally arrested any person in any county may pass across and through such parts of any other county or counties as are in the ordinary route of travel from the place where such person was arrested to the place where the person is to be conveyed, according to the command of the process by which such arrest was made.
- The Sheriff has the power to call a posse comitatus (68 Atty. Gen. 334).
- The Sheriff can, on a case-by-case basis, assert leadership, control, and direction by reason of his/her superior position as chief law enforcement officer of the County. It is the duty of the local police officers to cooperate. Local law enforcement personnel are subject to the command of the Sheriff even when acting within their municipal boundaries when the Sheriff exercises a call to aid under Wis. Stat. § 59.28(1). The Sheriff has concurrent authority with local law enforcement personnel regardless of municipal boundaries (61 OAG 79).
- Perform all other duties required of the Sheriff by law.

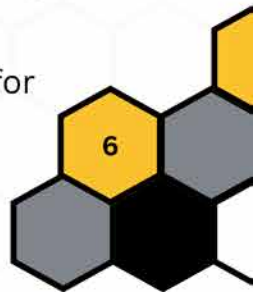


CODE OF ETHICS

OFFICE OF SHERIFF

As a constitutionally/statutorily elected sheriff, I recognize and accept that I am given a special trust and confidence by the citizens and employees whom I have been elected to serve, represent, and manage. This trust and confidence is my bond to ensure that I shall behave and act according to the highest personal and professional standards. In furtherance of this pledge, I will abide by the following Code of Ethics.

- **I shall ensure** that I and my employees, in the performance of our duties, will enforce and administer the law according to the standards of the U.S. Constitution and applicable state constitutions and statutes so that equal protection of the law is guaranteed to everyone. To that end I shall not permit personal opinion, party affiliations, or consideration of the status of others to alter or lessen this standard of treatment of others.
- **I shall establish, promulgate, and enforce** a set of standards of behavior of my employees which will govern the overall management and operation of the law enforcement functions, court related activities, and corrections operations of my agency.
- **I shall not tolerate nor condone** brutal or inhumane treatment of others by my employees nor shall I permit or condone inhumane or brutal treatment of inmates in my care and custody.
- **I strictly adhere** to standards of fairness and integrity in the conduct of campaigns for election and I shall conform to all applicable statutory standards of election financing and reporting so that the Office of Sheriff is not harmed by the actions of myself or others.
- **I shall routinely conduct** or have conducted an internal and external audit of the public funds entrusted to my care and publish this information so that citizens can be informed about my stewardship of these funds.
- **I shall follow** the accepted principles of efficient and effective administration and management as the principal criteria for my judgments and decisions in the allocation of resources and services in law enforcement, court related, and corrections functions of my office.
- **I shall hire and promote** only those employees or others who are the very best candidates for a position according to accepted standards of objectivity and merit. I shall not permit other factors to influence hiring or promotion practice.
- **I shall ensure** that all employees are granted and receive relevant training supervision in the performance of their duties so that competent and excellent service is provided by the Office of Sheriff.
- **I shall ensure** that during my tenure as sheriff, I shall not use the Office of Sheriff for private gain.
- **I accept and adhere to this code of ethics.** In so doing, I also accept responsibility for encouraging others in my profession to abide by this Code.



Committee on Judiciary & Law Enforcement

The Committee on Judiciary & Law Enforcement shall be responsible for oversight of the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Clerk of Courts, Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court, Circuit Court, and Criminal Justice Services.

In addition, the committee is responsible for advising the board on all matters pertaining to:

- Criminal justice
- Public safety
- Emergency communications and telephone number system
- Ordinances dealing with offenses under Title 9 of the County Code



**Gerald "Jerry" Wilkie
(Chairperson)
District 19**



**Stella Pagonis
(Vice-Chairperson)
District 4**



**Brett Geboy
District 12**



**Allen Myren
District 9**



**Connie Russell
District 13**



**Eric Huse
Committee Clerk**



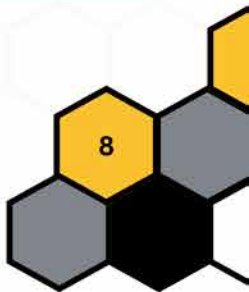
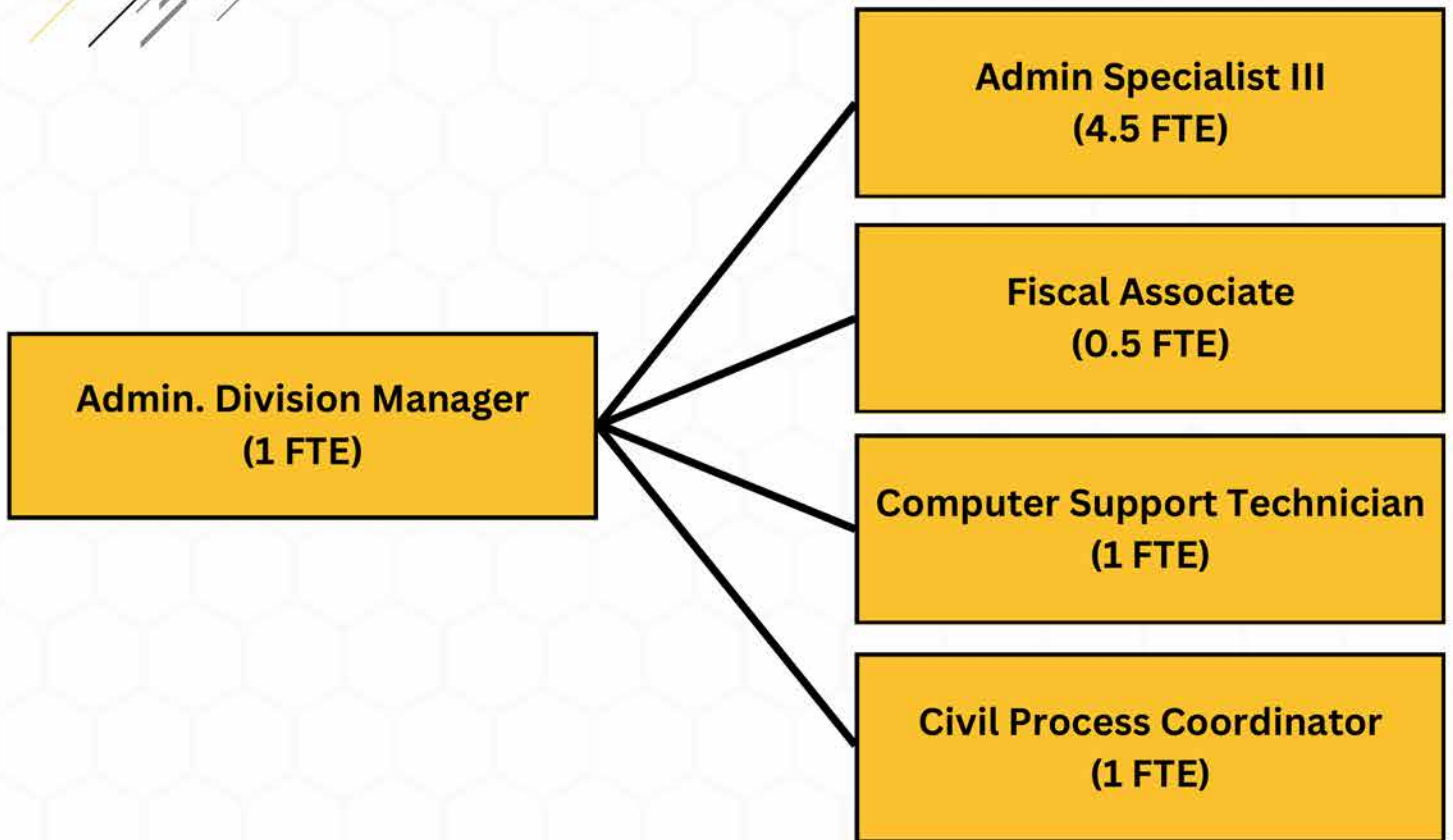
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



Katrina Ranallo

Administrative Services Division Manger

Katrina Ranallo grew up near Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her first few jobs in high school are where she also discovered her passion for customer service, working with people and leadership. Katrina moved to Western Wisconsin in 2007 where she continued to pursue her higher education at the University of Wisconsin-Stout where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Retail Merchandising and Management with emphasis on Marketing/Store Operations and a minor in Business. Katrina has called Eau Claire County home for the last 15 years.



FIELD SERVICES DIVISION



Cory Schalinske
Captain & Undersheriff

Cory Schalinske joined the Sheriff's Office in 2012 after serving as the Chief of Police in the Village of Fall Creek. During his career he served as a leader on the Regional SWAT Team, Special Events Team, and Honor Guard. One of the most rewarding experiences for him was serving as a school resource officer. In 2017 Captain Schalinske graduated from the 267th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He looks forward to providing dedicated service to those within Eau Claire County through trust and partnership.

Dustin Walters
Lieutenant

Dustin Walters joined the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office in July 2012 as a Patrol Deputy. He previously served as a Police Officer and Deputy Sheriff at two other agencies in Western Wisconsin after graduating from the CVTC Law Enforcement Academy in 2005. He was promoted to Field Services Sergeant in 2018 and Field Services Lieutenant in 2021. In his current role, he supervises all patrol, investigative, and specialty operations. He is also currently the Commander for the Regional SWAT Team, the Regional Special Events Team, and the Honor Guard Team. He has spent much of his career as a law enforcement trainer in disciplines such as firearms, emergency vehicle operation, and less-lethal force options.



OUR MISSION - *The Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office seeks to professionally and efficiently provide a secure environment and to foster positive relationships within the community.*

OUR VISION - *Every interaction will keep in mind our core values to achieve community understanding and support towards safety of all citizens and harmony of our office. We will work collaboratively internally and with the Eau Claire County Justice Partners towards the goal of one less victim.*

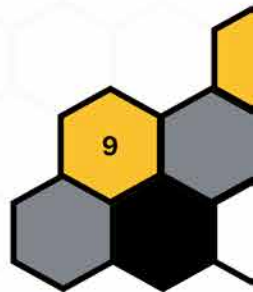
CORE VALUES - *To accomplish our mission and achieve our vision we believe that a commitment to professionalism and a strong work ethic are imperative.*

PROFESSIONALISM

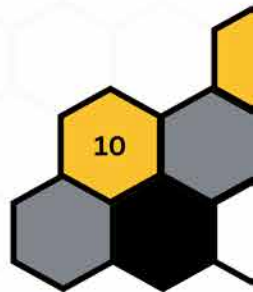
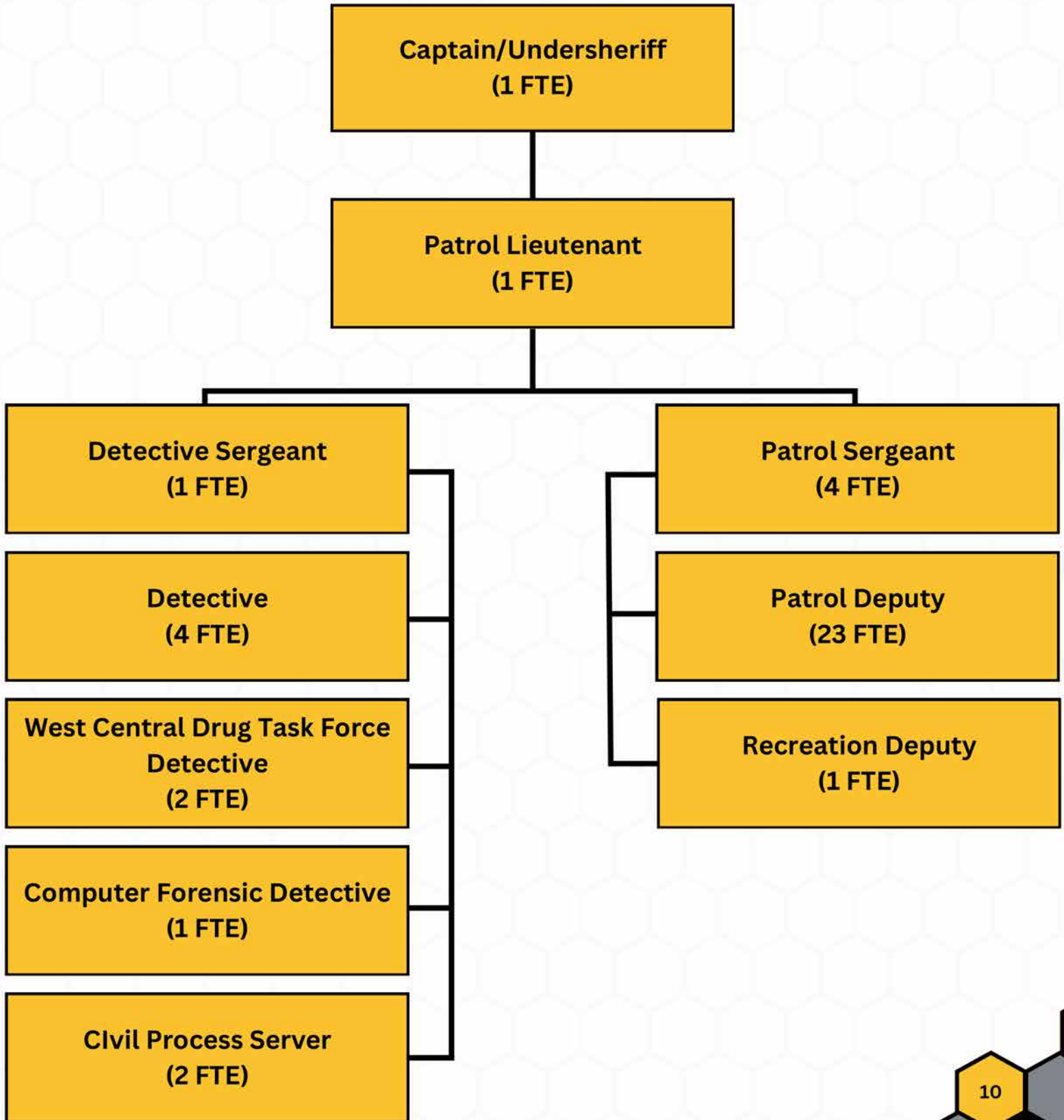
Honesty
Respectfulness
Fairness
Trustworthiness
Consistency

WORK ETHIC

Lead By Example
Do It Right The First Time
Help Each Other
Know Your Job



FIELD SERVICES DIVISION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CODE OF ETHICS

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- **AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**, my fundamental duty is to serve humanity; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality and justice.
- **I WILL** keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.
- **I WILL** never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.
- **I RECOGNIZE** the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession....law enforcement.



SECURITY SERVICES DIVISION



Travis Holbrook
Captain & Jail Administrator

Travis Holbrook grew up in Eau Claire and is proud to call Eau Claire County home. He attended Chippewa Valley Technical College and received an A.S. degree in Protective Services. In 2002 Travis joined the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office and has since served as a Patrol Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, Jail Lieutenant/Assistant Jail Administrator and Jail Captain/Jail Administrator. As a member of the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Travis has taken on numerous additional responsibilities and duties. Travis has attended several leadership schools and is currently enrolled in the National Institute of Corrections-Executive Excellence Class 23, with an anticipated graduation in June of 2024.

Chad Dachel
Lieutenant

Chad Dachel joined the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office in June 2021 as a Patrol Deputy. After graduating from Chippewa Valley Technical College in 2005 with a degree in Police Science, he immediately began his career with the Fall Creek Police Department. He served the Village of Fall Creek in various roles with the last 9 years as Chief of Police. Shortly after coming to the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, he transferred to the Security Service Division as a Court Service Officer. In April 2023, he was promoted to Jail Lieutenant/Assistant Jail Administrator overseeing daily operations of the Eau Claire County Jail as well as the Court Services Division.



OUR MISSION - *We will provide a safe and secure environment for those in our custody.*

OUR VISION - *We hope to return the offender to the community better than when they arrived by providing structure and an opportunity for a positive change.*

CORE VALUES - *To accomplish our mission and achieve our vision we believe that a commitment to professionalism and a strong work ethic are imperative.*

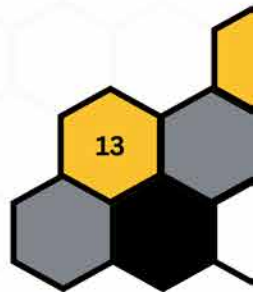
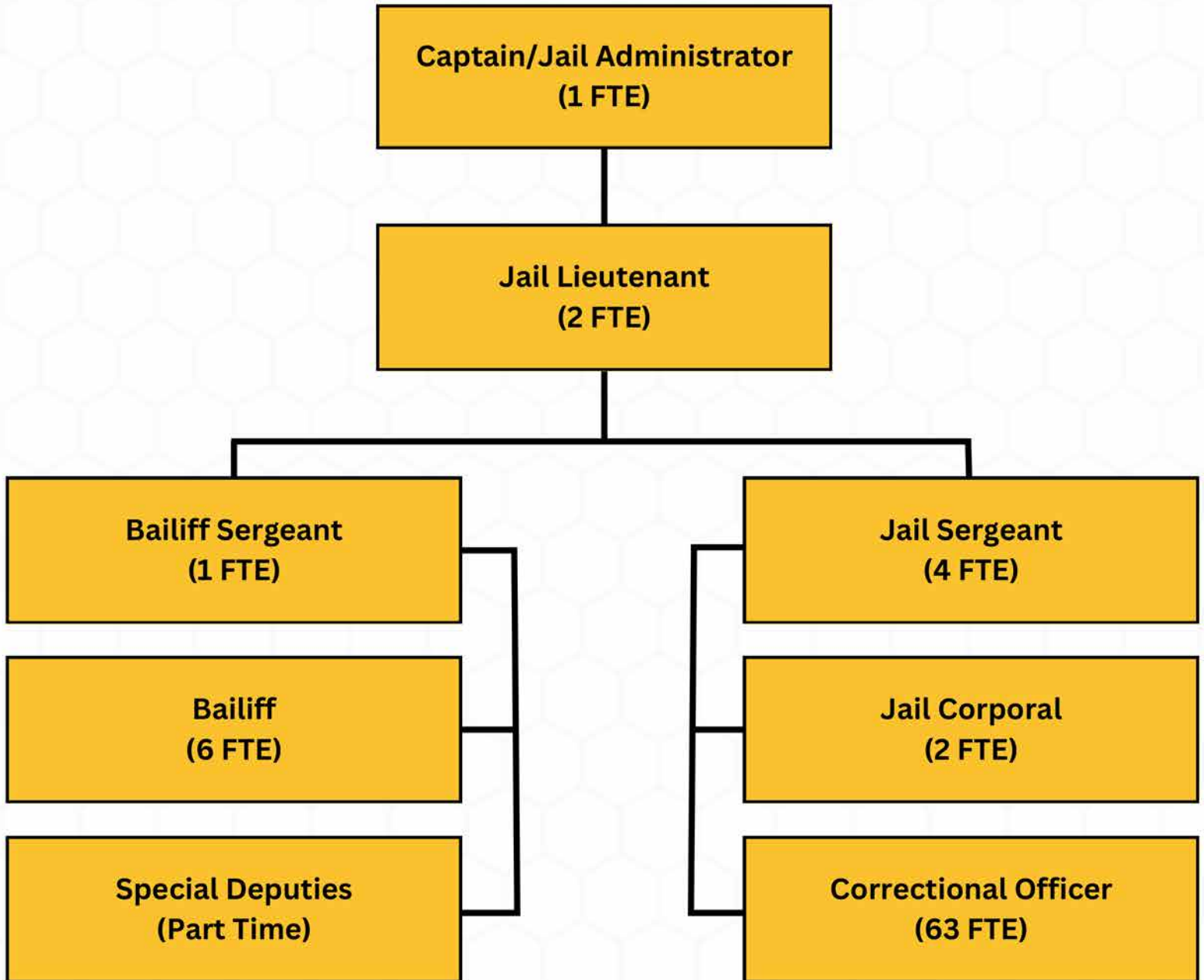
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SECURITY SERVICES DIVISION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CODE OF ETHICS

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER

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YEAR IN REVIEW - 2023

On Tuesday, January 3, 2023 Sheriff Riewestahl was sworn into office by Judge Schumacher. Shortly after this Sheriff Riewestahl met with employees, went over the Sheriff's Office 2023 Initiatives, and completed their Oath of Office.

2023 Initiatives

1. Health and wellness of all our staff
2. Retention and recruitment of staff
3. Reengagement with the community post COVID



YEAR IN REVIEW - 2023

Our focus remained on enhancing the overall well-being of our staff, strengthening our team through retention and recruitment efforts, and reengaging with the community post-COVID. We believe that these initiatives have contribute to the continued success and growth of the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office. Below are some of the highlights from each initiative.

Health and wellness of all our staff

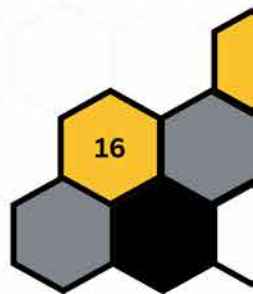
- Ensuring the health and wellness of our dedicated staff was a top priority for our office. In 2023, we promoted physical and mental well-being. From county fitness initiatives to mental health resources, our goal was to create a supportive and thriving work environment for all our team members.
- Eau Claire Community Foundation-Mental Health Support Fund was established. Leading this effort was Cheryl Cramer, widow of Sheriff Ron Cramer. This fund provides for all ECSO and ECPD employees to have mental health services not covered by insurance, paid for by this grant fund.
- Increased communication/awareness of MH issues our staff face along with removing any negative stigma associated with MH concerns.

Retention and recruitment of staff

- We recognize the importance of a skilled and committed workforce, we are dedicated to enhancing retention rates while actively seeking new talent to join our ranks. In 2023, we introduced new strategies to attract and retain qualified individuals who share our commitment to public service.
- Eau Claire County will be implementing a new compensation philosophy in 2024 wages. This includes reviewing the pay scale, job descriptions, and job titles of all employees. The county also completed contract negotiations with deputy union.
- The HR team conducted a time study for the Jail Sergeant role. That study identified some gaps and areas to improve. As a results, two new administrative sergeant positions were created to take the lead on staff scheduling and staff training.

Reengagement with the community post COVID

- The challenges of the past couple of years have underscored the need for continued and strengthened community engagement. As we transition into a post-COVID era, we are committed to rebuilding and reinforcing our connections with the community. The next few pages are just some of those highlights.



YEAR IN REVIEW - 2023



With the help of the Eau Claire County community, we were able to dispose of 922 pounds of medication that had been collected in drop boxes and from national drug take back day.

National Drug Take Back

Move Over Slow Down

ECSCO worked alongside the EC County Highway Department and Township Fire to educate the public on the Move Over law. This effort is intended to protect those workers in EC County by educating the public of moving over or slowing down when passing an incident scene.



Northern WI State Fair

Staff participated in the local law enforcement booth at the Northern WI State Fair. This is an opportunity for the public to meet with law enforcement and build a foundation of trust. After a daily raffle, several local youth leave the fair with a brand new bicycle!

EC County 4H Fair

Staff participated in the county fair this year. They raffled bicycles to EC County youth and provided an inside view of a law enforcement officer's duties.



Blue Ox Music Festival was the only music festival in the county this year. It was another hot summer weekend for our staff who helped keep people safe.

Blue Ox Music Festival

ATV/UTV Patrol

Our patrol staff were out on the county trails this year.



YEAR IN REVIEW - 2023



The Highway 53 northbound ramp to Clairemont Ave. was closed for a few hours due to a crash involving a trailer full of sheep. Traffic was rerouted as ECSO and other responding units tended to the scene.

Saved Some Sheep

Rescued an Eagle

Staff was able to capture this eagle that was found injured and suffering from a broken wing. The eagle was transported to The Raptor Center and was expected to make full recovery.



National Night Out

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. We had staff in attendance at the City of Eau Claire, City of Altoona, and the Village of Fall Creek NNO events.



There were four Line of Duty Deaths (LODD) in Wisconsin this year. The cause of death for all was gunfire.



The fallen are:
Ofc. Peter Jerving
Ofc. Hunter Scheel
Ofc. Emily Breidenbach
Dep. Kaitie Leising

Line of Duty Deaths



Coffee with a Cop was great event and we sure enjoyed getting to chat with those who stopped to say hi! Target provided the coffee and "cop cakes."

Coffee with a Cop

Crisis Intervention Training

ECSO staff from the jail and patrol continued training to effectively recognize and improve outcomes for those in crisis. Our goal is to reduce arrests of those in mental health crisis and provide a pathway to services.



YEAR IN REVIEW - 2023



Throughout the year staff worked on keeping their UAV skills sharp. UAVs aka drones are vital tools that we can utilize in searching for children or missing & endangered adults.

UAV Training

Co-Responder

The Sheriff's Office and EC County DHS have partnered to make it possible for Mari Gunderson to be a mobile crisis



responder. In 2023, Mari assisted in 202 mental health cases. This program reduced repeat calls of service and minimized the strain on patrol resources. Deputies have become better at interpreting crisis behavior and responding appropriately.



Trunk or Treat Events

We had a blast at the Eau Claire County employee event. We also participated in some area business events and also at the Fall Frenzy at River Prairie Park.

Staff participated in career fairs and recruiting events to provide more information on the great things that the Sheriff's Office has to offer.



Career Fairs



The League of Women Voters-GCV provided education events in the jail. These volunteers also assisted the eligible people in registering to vote.

Voter Education Events

Broadband Committee

Members of the Broadband Committee provided education to inmates on technology and internet resources available to them once they are released.



KIDS 'N' COPS



Since 1991, Kids 'n Cops has united the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office and other area Law Enforcement Officers with at risk youth between the ages of 4-11. Kids 'n Cops enables officers, family members and friends to share a little holiday cheer while providing a positive interaction with law enforcement that lasts a lifetime.

In 2023 we returned to an "in-person" fundraiser and shopping day. During COVID (2020-2022) area law enforcement was still able to connect with a handful of families. Our staff and the community were extremely excited to return to the in-person event and were all smiles.



NOTABLE COUNTYWIDE STATS

CALLS / ARRESTS / OFFENSES



These offenses are the HIGHEST they've been in the last six years:

- Trespass to Land
- Operate Motor Vehicle While Suspended
- Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine >10g but <50g

These offenses are the LOWEST they've been in the last six years:

- Operate Vehicle Without Owner's Consent
- Theft of Moveable Property
- Burglary of a Building/Dwelling
- Underage Drinking

Top Five Individual Offenses Involved:

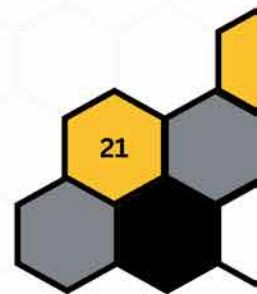
1. Disorderly Conduct
2. Probation Pick Up/Hold
3. Bench Warrant - Criminal
4. Bail Jumping - Felony
5. Bail Jumping - Misdemeanor

Of all arrested 28% were for people who reside outside of Eau Claire County.

Arrest by Day:

S	M	T	W	T	F	S

- Sunday: 11.10%
- Monday: 14.89%
- Tuesday: 16.20%
- Wednesday: 15.50%
- Thursday: 15.59%
- Friday: 14.36%
- Saturday: 12.44%



ECSO PERFORMANCE STATS

Response to Crime and Community Caretaking

Crime & Community Caretaking: The Eau Claire Sheriff's Office provides a complete range of public safety and quality of life services to the county including, but not limited to, the following: criminal investigation and apprehension; mental health evaluations and response, recreational patrol, truck inspection, preventative patrol; emergency response (fire & EMS); disaster response and preparedness; large event security; dispute mediation; building escorts; civil disorder; and other duties as requested by the citizens.

SWAT: The Sheriff's Office Tactical team referred to as SWAT, or Special Weapons and Tactics, is a regional team that is comprised of deputies from various divisions of the Sheriff's Office, Altoona Police Officer, Menomonie Police Department, Bloomer Police Department, Dunn County Sheriff's Office, Chippewa County Sheriff's Office, Chippewa Falls Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol. In addition, there are paramedics from the Chippewa Fire District, crisis negotiators on-call for negotiations. The team responds to high-risk situations where equipped personnel may be needed to safely resolve the incident. These incidents may be high-risk warrants, personal warrants, VIP protection, hostage situations, officer/citizen rescue, barricaded situations, manhunts, or any event where more skilled training is required. The team is comprised of a tactical commander and team leaders that provide skilled training on a monthly basis and develop operational plans for responses.

OUTPUTS		2020	2021	2022	2023	
Crime & Community Activity:	Population served	105,874	105,988	106,837	108,807	
	Number of cases handled	6,947	7,391	7,466	7,425	
	Number of assists to other law enforcement agencies	800	708	788	728	
	Number of adult arrests	Total	1,019	1,386	1,425	1,292
		Male	72%	72%	74%	72%
		Female	28%	28%	26%	28%
	Percent of adult arrests "ordered in"	58%	67%	62%	60%	
	Number of juvenile arrests	46	52	87	71	
	Number of Mental Health Calls	97	122	101	231	
		Chapter 51	47	31	31	56
	Number of New Warrants entered	957	1,384	1,121	929	
	Number of New Warrants canceled	868	1,372	1,159	919	
	Response times to services-Level 1	12:48	12:18	14:08	12:27	
Number of high risk situation (SWAT) responses per year	4	11	6	9		

*YTD indicates Jan-June results

Traffic Control & Enforcement

Through active enforcement of traffic laws, Eau Claire Sheriff's deputies attempt to reduce the loss of property and life resulting from dangerous driving behavior. Enforcement also includes arresting suspected impaired drivers and the issuing of citations to individuals violating traffic laws and ordinances. Eau Claire Sheriff's deputies also address other traffic issues, provide for orderly and safe traffic flow, thoroughly investigate traffic crashes, and develop strategies to reduce traffic related deaths, injuries, and property damage.

OUTPUTS	2020	2021	2022	2023
OWI Arrests	130	117	129	192
Traffic crashes	474	566	553	530
Traffic citations	2,052	3,323	3,581	2,664
Traffic warnings	407	822	901	547

*YTD indicates Jan-June results

ECISO PERFORMANCE STATS

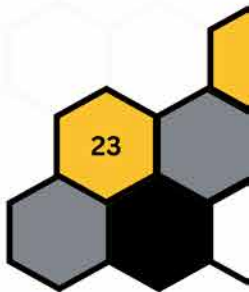
Investigative Services

General Investigative: Follow up investigations of reported crimes including collection of evidence, testifying in court, and providing the victim with progress reports on the status of the investigation. Also includes project management for the West Central Drug Task Force, a multi-agency Drug Unit focusing on narcotics investigations.

West Central Drug Task Force: The West Central Drug Task Force is a cooperative effort made up of multiple law enforcement agencies from six area counties, the intent of which is to identify individuals involved in the manufacture, distribution or sale of illicit drugs as well as the illegal diversion of prescription medication. Criminal activity commonly associated with drug crimes such as illegal possession of firearms, burglary and theft is also addressed. Under a functioning Memorandum of Understanding signed by all agency members of the Task Force, resources such as personnel, equipment, and economic resources can be targeted to particular criminal problems within the Task Force area.

OUTPUTS		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
General Investigative:	Number of investigations assigned to Division	238	324	285	327
	Number of investigations cleared by arrest	22	29	43	33
	Total cases assigned to Forensic Lab	93	97	87	124
	Cell Phones	112	150	140	155
West Central Drug Task Force	Number of cases opened for investigation	456	476	281	346
	Number of search warrants executed by Task Force	45	40	35	35
	Number of Juvenile Drug Related Charges	0	0	0	0
	Number of Adult Drug Related Charges	352	355	227	293
	Eau Claire County's Allocation % of Grant Monies	\$45.09	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.09
Eau Claire County drug task force personnel will participate in at least 24 drug abuse prevention/education presentations during the year.		20	5	20	36

**YTD indicates Jan-June results*



ECSO PERFORMANCE STATS

Statutory Detention of Inmates - *Secure*

Secure Detention: The jail houses inmates arrested on new charges, pre-trial inmates who are awaiting adjudication of charges, sentenced inmates, and individuals on community supervision who have violated the conditions of their probation or parole. Also includes transportation of prisoners and mental subjects to/from the courts and to/from secure institutions.

OUTPUTS		2020	2021	2022	2023	
Secure Detention:	Number of Bookings	2,655	2,692	2,941	2,926	
	Length of Stay	0-24 Hours	36%	34%	34%	31%
		1-2 Days	13%	13%	14%	12%
		2-10 Days	24%	25%	24%	26%
		10-20 Days	4%	4%	5%	5%
		20+ Days	23%	23%	24%	25%
	Number of Unique Individuals (UI)	1,926	1,818	1,979	1,978	
	Sex of UI	Male	76%	77%	77%	76%
		Female	24%	23%	23%	24%
	Residence UI	EC County	63%	70%	65%	68%
		Other WI County	31%	25%	29%	26%
		Other States	5%	3%	5%	4%
		Unknown	1%	1%	1%	2%
	Housing Status UI	Fixed Address	91%	88%	88%	89%
		Unhoused	9%	12%	12%	11%
	Average number of Secure jail bed days:		54,385	54,020	62,050	66,065
	Average In-House Inmates:	Secure	149	148	170	181
	Average Secure daily population:		160	167	190	214
	Average total Eau Claire County Jail Population:		201	186	206	228
	Number of inmates transported:		357	368	523	531
	Number of transports:		253	301	429	378
	Number of Video Court appearances: (transport diverted)		83	71	90	77
	Family/Friends Video Visits	Total	3,876	4,001	3,150	4,100
Onsite		627	1,662	2,461	3,287	
Offsite		3,249	2,339	689	813	
FP/DNA Room (2nd Floor)	DNA Collections	223	37	230	374	
	Crim. Fingerprints	383	301	1,245	1,074	
	Private Fingerprints	342	288	534	583	

*YTD indicates Jan-June results

Statutory Detention of Inmates - *Huber*

Huber: The Eau Claire County jail houses inmates arrested on new charges, pre-trial inmates who are awaiting adjudication of charges, sentenced inmates, and individuals on community supervision who have violated the conditions of their probation or parole. Housing of Huber inmates includes random urine testing and Electronic Monitoring.

Electronic Monitoring: The Electronic Monitoring program allows inmates who meet specified criteria to be closely monitored at their homes rather than serving their sentence in the Eau Claire County Jail. The electronic monitoring equipment verifies that the individual is present at their residence and also requires them to periodically submit a breath sample to determine if they have been drinking. This equipment is perpetually monitored. The participant pays a daily fee to help cover the cost of the equipment and monitoring. Technology advances will continue to improve the quality and level of monitoring available.

OUTPUTS		2020	2021	2022	2023
Huber:	Average Huber daily population:	28	0	0	0
	Huber bed Days provided based on average daily Huber	10,220	0	0	0

*YTD indicates Jan-June results

ECSO PERFORMANCE STATS

Circuit Court & Courthouse Security

Wisconsin statute 59.27(3) mandates that the sheriff shall: “attend upon the circuit court held in the sheriff’s county during its session”. Program area provides security for the circuit court judges, court commissioner and for courthouse departments. Deputies monitor proceedings by providing security while court is in session, respond to all calls for service and emergencies within the courthouse, transport “in-custody” persons between the jail and courtrooms, assist the Clerk of Courts Office with escorting persons who appear in court to ensure documents are signed when needed, patrol the courthouse when time allows, make arrests for warrants and other criminal offenses within the courthouse and surrounding area, assist the Treasurer’s Office with bank deposits, and other duties as needed.

OUTPUTS		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
# of incidents requiring deputy sheriff intervention in the courthouse:		529	343	470	593
# of warrants served in courthouse:		190	225	338	294
Courthouse (2nd floor) Security:	# of people	34,330	38,450	52,568	61,149
	# of bags	35,007	40,100	54,130	62,402
	# of knives/blades	734	779	922	783
	# of sprays	86	152	129	94
	# of firearms	0	2	11	1

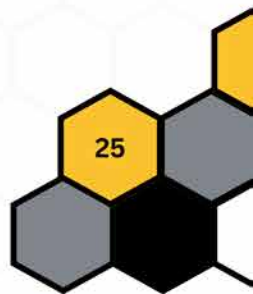
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Civil Process and Foreclosure Sales

Serving of civil process and conducting foreclosure sales are a statutorily mandated responsibility of the Sheriff’s Office. Deputies in this program also provide back up for inmate transport service.

OUTPUTS		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Number of requested civil process cases		1,103	1,180	1,173	1,068
Number of civil process papers		2,673	3,331	4,165	4,205
Civil process papers served by patrol deputies		1,120	1,183	747	957
Sheriff’s foreclosure sales	Scheduled	28	15	20	20
	Held	15	8	8	12
	Cancelled	13	7	12	8

**YTD indicates Jan-June results*



GRANTS & DONATIONS



Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Program: Each year ECSO receives donations from local businesses and individuals to fund this program. A huge thank you to Chippewa Valley Energy for their very generous donation and a special thank you also goes out to Loopy's Saloon, Grill & Event Dome that made the volleyball event such a huge success. In 2023, the program raised \$11,000 dollars.

Deputies are a member of this multidisciplinary team to provide direct resources to children who are affected by substance misuse in the home.



William A. Bingham Family Endowment Fund Grant: This grant of \$40,000 will be utilized for a UAV purchase and the remaining money should be directed to mental health initiatives.

We see people in crisis on a regular basis, both on patrol and in our jail. We, as humans, are not immune to this repetitive stress. One of the ways we can minimize the stigma associated with mental health issues is to talk about it and to create access to the services.

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Community Grant: In 2023, the Sheriff's Office was awarded a generous Community Grant from the Spirit Lutheran Foundation. This grant will be used to assist the employees at the Eau Claire Police Department and our office with mental health support that is not covered by insurance.

This grant will go into The Mental Health Support for Law Enforcement Fund at the Eau Claire Community Foundation.

GRANTS & DONATIONS



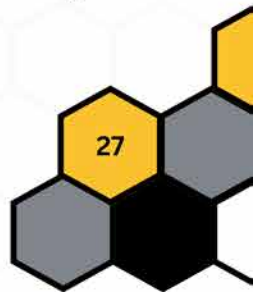
Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) - Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies: Collaboration between the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Human Services, Criminal Justice Services, and City-County Health Departments has led to the receipt of a \$350,453 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Human Services to fight the ongoing opioid crisis.

The Eau Claire County Deflection and Diversion Program (DDP) is designed to assist county and city law enforcement departments to make a "warm handoff" deflection and/or diversion decision to link with appropriate services to prevent persons with opioid use disorder (OUD), other substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health (MH) conditions from unnecessary arrest, criminal justice system involvement and/or incarceration.

Treatment options and recovery options are the most effective individual and community responses to address the problems that low-risk and low, med, high needs persons with OUD, other SUD and MH issues.

Within the framework of this grant, we are seeking two new positions along with a Peer Support Services Provider.

- **Data Specialist:** The primary responsibilities of the Data Specialist include obtaining and visualizing baseline data, as well as ongoing data throughout the grant's duration. This data will be crucial for quantifying and reporting the impact of the efforts. Moreover, the Data Specialist will support the deflection team in identifying individuals who stand to benefit from the service.
- **Deflection Program Case Manager:** The key responsibilities of the Deflection Program Case Manager involve overseeing activities related to the Eau Claire County Deflection Program. This includes facilitating the screening of potential participants to assess program eligibility and suitability, carrying out intake tasks necessary to meet both grant and local program requirements, and collecting and reporting participant data to fulfill grant and local program obligations.
- **Peer Support Services Provider:** The peer support services provider will accept referrals made by the Case Manager. The referrals will occur at or near to initial contact with law enforcement or the court. The purpose of an immediate referral is to provide responsiveness that is likely to enhance services engagement with the individual.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Eau Claire County - Sheriff Quarterly Department Program Report

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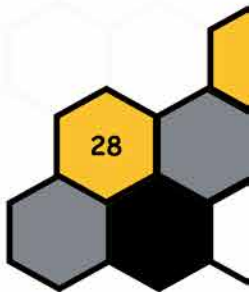
Summary by Program

Fund	Revenues	Orig Budget 2023	Adj Budget 2023	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	YTD 2023	% of Budget
100	Administration Services	1,232,522	1,456,779	342,599	304,700	292,527	533,174	1,473,000	101.11%
100	Field Services	5,139,726	5,422,744	1,222,247	1,166,661	1,200,846	1,282,764	4,872,518	89.85%
100	Security Services	8,770,262	8,945,462	2,008,714	2,023,814	2,090,115	2,375,649	8,498,291	95.00%
212	WCDF	258,865	258,865	155,695	39,763	36,756	54,941	287,156	110.93%
Total Revenue - Sheriff		\$15,401,375	\$16,083,850	\$3,729,255	\$3,534,938	\$3,620,244	\$4,246,528	\$15,130,965	94.08%

Fund	Expenditures	Orig Budget 2023	Adj Budget 2023	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	YTD 2023	% of Budget
100	Administration Services	-1,310,179	-1,534,436	-304,648	-370,143	-363,175	-718,934	-1,756,901	114.50%
100	Field Services	-5,069,069	-5,352,087	-970,758	-1,164,106	-1,035,503	-1,728,443	-4,898,809	91.53%
100	Security Services	-8,763,262	-8,938,462	-1,624,543	-1,954,056	-1,775,031	-2,202,645	-7,556,275	84.54%
212	WCDF	-258,865	-258,865	-12,810	-23,606	-29,723	-35,334	-101,472	39.20%
Total Expense - Sheriff		-\$15,401,375	-\$16,083,850	-\$2,912,759	-\$3,511,911	-\$3,203,432	-\$4,685,355	-\$14,313,457	88.99%

Fund	Net	Orig Budget 2023	Adj Budget 2023	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	YTD 2023
100	Administration Services	-77,657	-77,657	37,951	-65,443	-70,649	-185,760	-283,901
100	Field Services	70,657	70,657	251,490	2,555	165,343	-445,678	-26,291
100	Security Services	7,000	7,000	384,171	69,757	315,084	173,004	942,016
212	WCDF	0	0	142,886	16,157	7,034	19,607	185,683
Net Surplus/(-Deficit) - Sheriff		\$0	\$0	\$816,497	\$23,027	\$416,812	-\$438,827	\$817,508

- This Financial Report is unaudited and is not the final financial report. It was produced by the EC County Finance Department on 3/14/24.



EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

New Employees

January

- Cortes-Cartagena, Christian - Correctional Officer

February

- Spehle, Nathan - Patrol Deputy

March

- Verhaagh, William - Computer Support Specialist

May

- McCaffrey, Tyler - Patrol Deputy

June

- Blake, William - Correctional Officer
- Hansen, Cierra - Correctional Officer
- Amber, Thomas - Correctional Officer
- Bresina, Dan - Special Deputy

July

- Seymour, Sadie - Patrol Deputy

August

- Douglas, Jacob - Correctional Officer
- Haller, Steven - Patrol Deputy
- James, Benjamin - Patrol Deputy
- Patrow, Elisabeth - Correctional Officer
- Reagan, Jade - Correctional Officer
- Underwood, Sarah - Correctional Officer

September

- Turner, Kristin - Reserve Correctional Officer
- O'Halloran, Thomas - Correctional Officer
- Westerman, Jason - Correctional Officer

October

- Fasbender, Chad - Correctional Officer

December

- Laager, Nathaniel - Correctional Officer
- LeMay, Hunter - Correctional Officer

Promotions



Travis Holbrook
Captain
2/13/23



Gail Gregory
Detective Sergeant
3/12/23



Chad Dachel
Lieutenant
4/9/23



EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

YEARS OF SERVICE



Jacob Pake
Patrol Deputy
(1/10/2018)



Shawn Corbin
Detective
(1/10/2018)



Nicholas Spehle
Patrol Deputy
(3/12/2018)



Edward Russell
Correctional Officer
(3/12/2018)



Lucy McIlquham
Reserve CO
(4/13/2018)



Ricky Hagen
Patrol Deputy
(7/9/2018)



Samuel Eaton
Patrol Deputy
(8/13/2018)



Travis McCann
Correctional Officer
(8/20/2018)



Gail Gregory
Detective Sergeant
(5/13/2013)



Gayle Sullivan
Admin Specialist
(6/10/2013)



Melissa Solem
Bailiff
(8/1/2013)



Wade France
Correctional Officer
(9/23/2013)



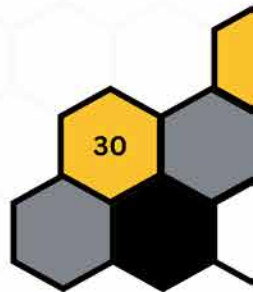
Phillip Field
Jail Sergeant
(9/29/2003)



Randy Olson
Correctional Officer
(12/29/2003)



James Haworth
Civil Process
(7/22/1993)



AWARDS



The Medal of Honor is the Sheriff's Office highest award that is awarded to an employee for an act of bravery, and the award can be given to the family, in the event the act of valor is the result of a line of duty death. This award is issued through a specific act of gallantry that is beyond the call of duty. The award must be presented by the Sheriff in a ceremony with an invitation given to the family.



The Medal of Valor is awarded to a member of the Sheriff's Office who displays an exceptional act of heroism or risk of personal safety or life. The Medal of Valor is awarded to those employees who distinguish themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of Police service. To be awarded the Medal of Valor, an employee would have performed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril.



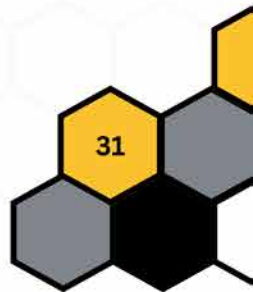
The Purple Heart is awarded to those who suffered injuries caused by another and was wounded or lost his/her life. The extent of injury, type of activity performed, and all circumstances surrounding the incident must be considered while determining the appropriateness of this award.



The Lifesaving Award recognizes an employee who performs a lifesaving effort resulting in maintaining or saving a life at the scene.



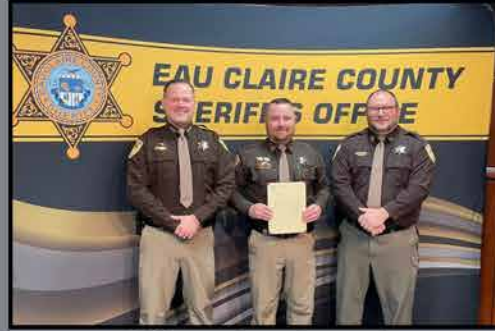
The Medal of Merit is awarded to employees that provided meritorious service or achieved above the normal call of duty.



AWARDEES



Medal of Merit
Deputy Sam Eaton



Lifesaving Award
CPT Cory Schalinske



Lifesaving Award
CO Jacqueline Olson



Lifesaving Award
Deputy Joseph Wollum



Lifesaving Award
CO Aaron Rosenblum
CO Theresa Lorenz
SGT Colleen Kastel



Lifesaving Award
CO Jorge Huerta
CO John Konz
CO Regina Larson (not pictured)



Lifesaving Award
Deputy Nathan Spehle



Medal of Merit
Detective Ryan Greener
Special Deputy Mike Voelker

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES RETIREMENTS

1/3/23



20 Yrs

Tom Repaal Correctional Officer

Tom retired after 20 years. He served the people of Eau Claire County as a Corrections Officer for the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office.

His commitment to public service was commendable.

He unexpectedly passed away on 6/11/2023.

1/6/23



38 Yrs

John Staber Patrol Sergeant

John retired after 38 years in law enforcement. He was hired on 10/24/1984 and worked for the Sheriff's Office until 1988, when he was then hired by the WI DOJ - DCI.

He worked for DCI and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (MN) until 1997. He returned in March of 1997 and has served the people of Eau Claire County since.

5/5/23



27 Yrs

Don Henning Detective

Don retired after 27 years. He served the people of Eau Claire County in a variety of roles.

Don started his career as a Correctional Officer, then moved into a Patrol Deputy position, and then transferred to our Detective Division in 2010, where he served for 13 years.



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