

# *Walworth County*



## *Sheriff's Office*

*Annual Report*

# **2018**

*Kurt Picknell*  
*Sheriff*

Walworth County Sheriff's Office  
Mission Statement

As members of the Walworth County Sheriff's Office  
we pledge to preserve and enhance  
the quality of life within the  
community through efficient, effective  
and professional law enforcement services.



**WALWORTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
December 31, 2018



## Sheriff Kurt Picknell



On behalf of the entire staff at your Sheriff's Office that serves you, I welcome you to the 2018 Annual Report. The complexity of our unique operation once again is illuminated by accomplishments, challenges and opportunities as we continue the long distinguished history of serving the community. Professional confidence and service with compassion are timeless hallmarks of your Walworth County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office provided assistance to Walworth County schools individually and collaboratively with other law enforcement agencies. We submitted Wisconsin Department of Justice school safety initiative grant requests in order to improve school security practices and procedures. The Sheriff's Office provided on-site assessments to schools along with a letter of support to be included with the school grant submissions. Emergency Management also coordinated an exercise in conjunction with the Lakeland Health Care Center specifically towards evaluating an active shooter type incident.

Community safety with emergency planning, coordination and communications advanced two distinct items for the future. First, establishing the Emergency Communications Advisory Committee with public safety representatives for the expressed purpose of making recommendations to promote standardization of equipment and procedures that will enhance efficient and timely dispatching of emergency services. This responsibility also includes monitoring and maintaining the countywide 9-1-1 system for uniformity while meeting the needs of county residents in the future. Secondly, deliberately evaluating the current countywide public safety radio communications system with the assistance of industry consultants to optimize interoperability within Walworth County and beyond while optimizing signal strength effectiveness for the entire county.

We continue our response to increased requests from schools, churches and businesses for presentations on the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) program.

The Patrol Division formed a pilot program of testing camera systems in 2017 through March 2018. After extensive research of body worn cameras, storage options and video redaction capabilities, all uniformed deputies in the patrol division are now equipped with Axon body-worn cameras.

We were recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Safety (DOT-BOTS) for our leadership with the county Traffic Safety Commission and collaboration with all law enforcement agencies in Walworth County for extra traffic enforcement efforts. In addition to comprehensively reviewing prior crash data we administer the Walworth County Traffic Grant Task Force. These specialized grant funds requested by the sheriff and provided to the task force countywide typically targets speed, seatbelt use, operating while intoxicated and other driver behaviors that create risks for crashes in Walworth County. The overall goal is to gain voluntary compliance with traffic laws for the safety of everyone.

In addition to the full range of investigations, preventative strategies are actively being pursued for emerging trends related to fraud prevention and investigations. We belong to the International Association of Fraud Crime Investigators (IAFCI). To enhance the prevention efforts we recently formed the TRIAD of Walworth County connected deliberately to the new Tri-County TRIAD (Walworth, Racine and Kenosha) which is part of a national association of TRIADS designed for community policing initiatives wherein law enforcement, seniors and community groups partner to meet the crime safety needs of our seniors. The National Association of TRIADs was established by three national organizations – the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the National Sheriff's Association (NSA) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) specifically to address these crime prevention needs. Community engagement has already started with this prevention initiative. Locally the Tri-County TRIAD reinforces this preventative goal to reduce crimes against the elderly and reduce the unwarranted fear of crime that seniors may experience.

All of the operational accomplishments noted in the annual report illustrate a dedication to serve the community while meeting the challenges ahead to truly keep Walworth County a unique and highly desired area.

I am honored serve as your 43<sup>rd</sup> Sheriff.

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Kurt Picknell, Sheriff

## Undersheriff Kevin Williams

2018, a year that your Sheriff's Office continued to improve our services to the community. Thank you for taking a few minutes to read my reflection. As you will read in this report and the Sheriff's introduction, we have many accomplishments again last year. However, many of the accomplishments we had been working on well before 2018. I would like to take a few minutes to discuss what occurred in 2018 that will lead to future successes.



Our current radio system has been in place since before I began working here at the Sheriff's Office over 28 years ago. Over the years we have maintained and made some improvements to the system. However, the system as a whole is coming to the end of life. We have contracted with a vendor to provide us with a study of our system and to provide us with a recommendation for a replacement radio system. The vendor has recommended a \$24.7 million radio system solution that will be open for all of our county emergency response agencies and includes interoperability with surrounding county emergency response agencies as well. This will be a lengthy process as we will need to build the new system while maintaining our current system. We are currently looking at seeking a second opinion on the recommendation.

A request for bids to identify a vendor to provide a communications staffing study has been in the works in 2018. As we look to become more proficient in our services within our communications center, we look to have the study identify if we have adequate staffing for the level of services we provide and if there are other ways to assign work tasks increasing efficiencies.

Several years ago we identified the need for our central records division to expand its facility foot print to address our increasing workload for that division. We have hired an architect and developed floor plans and anticipate to have the project completed in 2020. This space will allow for additional staff and more efficient flow of pedestrian traffic within our facility.

In 2018 we gained accreditation through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). Even though we have received the accreditation, our work is not done. Each year we must capture proofs to show we are meeting the standards and we are constantly reviewing our agency policies and procedures as we prepare to be audited in 2020 to maintain our accreditation.

As technology becomes more prevalent in our services we are exploring the potential to have full body scanners implemented in our jail and Huber inmate entry points. Our staff have toured other corrections facilities with full body scanners and met with vendors that sell and install these scanners. This technology will reduce the risk of potentially having contraband such as drugs and weapons introduced to our secure facility. These are just a few of the needs our staff have been working on and you will see as future accomplishments.

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Undersheriff Kevin Williams

## SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

- **Central Records**
- **Civil Process**
- **Court Security**
- **Information Technology**
- **Training and Planning**
- **Vehicle Fleet Maintenance**

### CENTRAL RECORDS

The first person most visitors encounter at the Sheriff's Office is a member of the Central Records staff just off of the main lobby entrance. These highly trained clerks perform a myriad of functions and have many job tasks and objectives on a daily basis, including transcribing reports, prisoner conveyances, entering and cancelling warrants, maintaining case files, open records requests, inmate visitation logs, records management, redaction of body-worn camera video, etc. Records staff is also responsible for coordinating referrals to the Walworth County District Attorney's Office.

A highlight for this division in 2018 was the upgrade and improvement in body-worn camera redaction options, which created more efficiency for our staff and a quicker turn around regarding open records requests.

Open records requests continue to be a large portion of the day-to-day workload in central records. Now that we have body-worn cameras, that workload is even larger.

A total of 467 prisoner conveyances were performed this year. This was a slight increase from the previous year. These include taking an inmate to prison following sentencing, or picking up or dropping off an inmate at another county jail due to current local charges. Technology continues to impact our division; many inmates throughout the state are able to appear via video conferencing which greatly reduces inmate conveyances.

<i>Central Records statistics</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Open records requests processed</i>	2,502	2,419	3,160	3,446
<i>Medical transports</i>	133	178	148	138
<i>Prisoner conveyances</i>	600	515	438	467

Central Records staff is part of a countywide NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System) transition team. Both the state and federal government are

requiring all law enforcement agencies in the country to transition to this new system of reporting crime with a deadline of January 1, 2021. This group meets monthly with local law enforcement representatives to incorporate this change into our computer-based records management system. This will be a very large project and a great challenge to this agency, but one we are preparing for well in advance of the mandated deadlines.

### CIVIL PROCESS

The Civil Process unit handles the service of legal papers pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 59.27(4) which states “The Sheriff, 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”. This office is responsible for serving legal papers on individuals such as subpoenas, summons and complaints, orders, executions, and seizing of money, personal or real property as directed by a court judgment. If these deputies are unable to serve the process paper during their shift, the uniformed deputies from patrol will attempt to serve them throughout their assigned shifts. The Civil Process Unit is supervised by Captain Scott McClory and consists of three full time deputy sheriffs and one full time clerk; Deputies Rahn Smith, Bill Mortlock, Brian Kilpin, and the clerk is Kathy Menne. These staff members are specially trained in applicable Wisconsin Statutes and case law relative to process serving. In 2018, Deputies Smith, Mortlock and Kilpin attended a statewide conference on Civil Process laws and regulations. In addition to their regular civil process duties, these deputies also assist with mental and medical transports, routine patrol functions such as car crash investigations, crimes in progress, traffic grants, and other matters assigned to them.

<i>Process Type</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Total actions docketed</i>	1,863	2,308	2,619	2,329
<i>Total process attempts</i>	3,640	3,372	3,362	3,423
<i>Executions docketed (seizures)</i>	10	6	6	2
<i>Small claims papers</i>	283	182	309	190
<i>Execution sales (seizures)</i>	2	3	3	1
<i>Foreclosure sales (real estate)</i>	233	188	144	115
<i>Subpoena service</i>	279	278	467	511
<i>Writs of replevin (repossession)</i>	3	2	2	7
<i>Writs of restitution (evictions)</i>	126	97	104	93
<i>Writs of attachments (seizures)</i>	4	9	9	10
<i>Restraining orders/injunctions</i>	240	282	248	248

## **COURT SECURITY**

The Court Security unit is comprised of Captain Scott McClory-Division Commander, Lieutenant Todd Neumann-Coordinator of the Court Security Unit, Sergeant Brian Panfil-Direct Supervisor, Deputy Richard Lagle-Traffic Court Officer, and Deputies Kevin Warnecke, Kirk Dodge, Tim Kuchta, Michael Troemel, and Jennifer Schmidt.

Court Security provides security services for the staff and citizens who work and visit the Judicial Center. Deputies serve in one of the four circuit courtrooms or two commissioner hearing rooms. Court Security staff are also responsible for safety and security checks of the entire complex. Court Security staff have additional duties such as Dive Team, Background Investigations, Snowmobile Patrol Honor Guard, Special Events Team and SWAT.

Deputy Kirk Dodge is assigned to Lakeland School and Lakeland Complex, and his duties include the School Resource Officer for Lakeland School. This position requires extensive training for interacting with special needs students. Deputy Dodge also works closely with the Walworth County Child Advocacy Center, providing security for victims and investigative assistance. Deputy Dodge's duties include being the primary liaison between the Sheriff's Office and Walworth County departments.

Court Security is responsible for testing, maintenance and record keeping of the WAVE alarm system. The Wave system helps improve overall communication at the beginning of a critical incident. As soon as the system is triggered, a detailed alarm message indicating the location of the incident is transmitted to law enforcement and staff via radio and email. The Judicial Center, Government Center, fleet services and Lakeland Health Care Center are current users of this new and enhanced system. Court Security can perform maintenance remotely through an on-line interface, allowing us to check alarms, alarm batteries and points of origin for alarms. With time being crucial in stopping an active event, the WAVE system allows immediate notification and response to a correct location.

The Sheriff's Office works closely with the Courthouse Safety Committee, which is responsible to ensure that the Judicial Center is in compliance with Wisconsin State Supreme Court Guidelines for courthouse security and safety. The committee convened several times during 2018, with a goal of updating policies and procedures as well as equipment. The Courthouse Safety Committee is comprised of members of the judiciary, Clerk of Courts, District Attorney's Office, District Court, Walworth County Bar, Public Defender's Office and the Sheriff's Office.

During 2018, Court Security staff conducted training with county personnel assigned to the Judicial Center. Employees were trained on how to respond to an active shooter situation. Employees were also trained and evaluated on evacuation of the Judicial Center during an emergency situation.

Court Security staff continue their proactive approach to law enforcement at the Judicial Center, including serving injunctions, investigating complaints and serving arrest warrants. In 2018 Court Security staff arrested and/or cited 228 individuals at the Judicial Center.

<i><b>Court Security Arrests</b></i>	<i><b>2016</b></i>	<i><b>2017</b></i>	<i><b>2018</b></i>
<i>Bail jumping misdemeanor</i>	18	23	14
<i>Bail jumping felony</i>	11	11	7
<i>OWI – Civil</i>	2	-	-
<i>OWI – Criminal</i>	2	-	-
<i>Operate after revocation</i>	14	20	14
<i>Operate after suspension</i>	16	17	13
<i>Ignition interlock device violation</i>	4	1	3
<i>Misdemeanor probation violation</i>	1	2	-
<i>Felony probation and parole violation</i>	2	2	-
<i>Suspended registration</i>	2	-	-
<i>Expired plates</i>	-	1	-
<i>Obstructing an officer</i>	1	2	-
<i>Disorderly conduct</i>	2	1	1
<i>Sex offender</i>	-	-	1
<i>Violate temporary restraining order</i>	-	-	2
<i>No insurance</i>	-	3	1
<i>Operate without driver’s license</i>	-	8	2
<i>Other (CCW, Hit and Run, Open Intoxicants, etc.)</i>	-	2	2
<i><b>Citation Totals</b></i>	<i><b>75</b></i>	<i><b>93</b></i>	<i><b>60</b></i>
<i><b>Arrests without Citations</b></i>			
<i>Bond arrests at court (modifications/sentencing)</i>	2	2	2
<i>Warrants (arrests)</i>	106	86	149
<i>Warrants (body only)</i>	35	24	76
<i>Total Bond Collected</i>	<i>\$425,531</i>	<i>\$205,033</i>	<i>\$270,280</i>

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Richard Noel is the Network Engineer for the Sheriff’s Office. Captain McClory supervises his work as part of the Support Services Division. The addition of new squad cars in 2018 required a redesign of the Wireless Data Assistant computer system at the Sheriff’s Office. To help control costs and increase functionality for

deputies, a change of computers and connection hardware was implemented. The military style computers were replaced with a style with similar features but at a substantial cost savings. The wireless routers were replaced with dual band routers with GPS and remote support capabilities. New servers and storage decks have been purchased and are in the process of being installed to support the 2018 version of the ProPhoenix records management and dispatch system. The inmate medical records system implementation was completed in 2018 allowing for precise tracking and reporting of inmate needs and procedures.

## **TRAINING AND PLANNING**

Lieutenant Todd Neumann is responsible for the Training and Planning Division. Walworth County Sheriff's Office staff attend a variety of training throughout the year. This training ranges from new deputies and corrections officers attending basic certification to advanced courses intended to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Sheriff's Office.

All new deputies and corrections officers are required to attend a basic certification academy. For Deputy Sheriffs the academy consists of 18 weeks of intensive training in defensive tactics, firearms, driving skills, communication skills and legal knowledge. For Corrections Officers, the academy is 5 weeks of training in care and control of inmates, defensive tactics and communication skills. Deputies Jocelyn Strand and Brenton Stettner completed the basic law enforcement academy in 2018.



*Sheriff Kurt Picknell (center) with Deputy Brenton Stettner and Deputy Jocelyn Strand at their academy graduation*

All Deputies, Corrections Officers and Communications Officers must complete on the job training with an experienced Field Training Officer (FTO) prior to being assigned to solo duties. Field training is designed to help the new employee apply

his or her knowledge learned in the Academy to actual situations encountered in the course of their duties. As situations are encountered and duties performed, the FTO evaluates the trainee's performance to help them improve and prepare for solo assignment. Two Deputy Sheriff trainees successfully completed the Patrol FTO program in 2018 and four deputies began the program in 2018 with an expected completion date in 2019. The Sheriff's Office sends staff to a variety of training opportunities throughout the year. Training provides staff with a range of specialized skills and certifications that are required for the Sheriff's Office to stay current in the services it provides. Some examples of the specialized training that Deputies attended in 2018 include classes in digital forensics, traffic crash investigation, fraud investigation, autism awareness, school threats, leadership, and drug investigations.



*High risk traffic stop training*

A key achievement for Lieutenant Neumann in 2018 was taking the final steps to place the new indoor range in service at the Sheriff's range facility. The installation of the indoor range components beginning in 2017 and completed in 2018 signifies the end of a multi-year project to replace the range facility. Lieutenant Neumann was responsible for monitoring progress of the installation, understanding each of the components needed to safely train in the facility and the creation of an operations manual to ensure the safety, cleanliness and longevity of the facility for many years to come. In addition to the Sheriff's Office, other municipal agencies who have jurisdiction in the county as well as state and federal

agencies are permitted to use the facility. In 2018, work was completed on improvements to the outdoor range. This project involved raising the berm along Hodges Road, improvements to the backstop, new fencing and planting trees for noise abatement. The improvements will enhance the safety and aesthetics of the outdoor range property.



*Outdoor range construction*

<i>Use of Force Statistics</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Decentralization technique</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Active countermeasures:</i>					
<i>Vertical stun</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Hand strike</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Knee strike</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Kicks</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Oleoresin capsicum (pepper spray)</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Taser cartridge deployment</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Taser drive stun</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Taser display only</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Vehicle pursuits</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT)</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Stop sticks</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Euthanize animal with firearm</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>47</i>
<i>Expandable baton</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Restraint chair (located in Jail)</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Deadly force—officer involved shooting</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>STAR tactic (controlled decentralization)</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Other (compliance holds, escort holds, etc.)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>

## **Walworth County Special Events Team (SET)**

The Walworth County SET was formed in 2017 by Walworth County law enforcement agencies and operates under the authority of the Sheriff. Lieutenant Todd Neumann commands this team. The purpose of the team is to provide a field force of law enforcement officers to safely control large crowds of people in situations where there is a potential for escalation to a dangerous situation. The team began training in 2017 using the Dane County model of 4 officer “mini teams.” In 2018 the team began evolving and training to the Miami model which is being adopted statewide and regionally as the model for crowd control teams.



*Special Events Team training*

The team achieved two significant milestones in 2018. In April, the team deployed to Whitewater for a college student event known locally as Spring Splash. This is a large gathering of students at various points throughout the city. In the past this has become a point of frustration for both residents and officers due to the large amount of disorderly behavior and alcohol involved. Using the mini team concept, the team deployed into foot patrol units in regular uniform and mingled with the crowd. Although there were only about 25 additional officers throughout the city on foot, the constant foot patrol and presence increased the feeling that there were “officers everywhere,” and the amount of arrests and disorderly behavior decreased significantly. Due to the presence of the team, everyone was able to enjoy themselves without the problems of previous years.



*Special Events Team training*

The second significant achievement occurred in September 2018 when Lieutenant Adam VanderSteege from Whitewater PD and Chief Joe Balog from Genoa City attended the Mobile Field Force Train the Trainer class at Fort McCoy as part of a statewide initiative to increase crowd control teams throughout the state. By having Lieutenant VanderSteege and Chief Balog trained as trainers, the team is now able to support itself and train new members as they join the team. This is not only a significant cost savings to the Sheriff's Office and the municipal agencies who partner with us to form the team, but provides team members with opportunities for leadership and development.

### **VEHICLE FLEET MAINTENANCE**

Captain Scott McClory is responsible for maintaining all vehicles in the Sheriff's Fleet. He works very closely with the mechanics in the Department of Public Works to ensure that the vehicles receive regular routine maintenance and are ready for year-round use in all weather conditions. Captain McClory works with representatives from County Purchasing regarding the annual purchasing of squad cars and other vehicles in the fleet program. In 2018 the Sheriff announced a new

pilot program whereby selected Patrol Deputies would be assigned a “take home” car and they would keep it at their residence when not in use. Because of this change, the Sheriff’s Office did not send any older cars to auction during the annual squad “changeover” where newer cars are built up and the older cars with more mileage and years of service on them are sold to the public. Of course, all of the police equipment and striping/decals are removed before this occurs. The Sheriff continues to have some Patrolmen report directly to the substations located in the town halls to start their shifts as well; squads are kept at the town halls as well. In 2019, we are planning on ordering two new Ford Explorer Utility vehicles which are “hybrids” and use both gas and electric battery engines. This should result in a potential cost savings on fuel usage in 2019 and beyond. Ten additional gas-only Explorers and two gas-only Chevy Tahoes are also being ordered and are expected to arrive late summer or early fall for regular changeover to once again be the norm at the Sheriff’s Office. Because of the amount of equipment now required for the marked patrol units, we no longer order smaller sedans such as the Ford Taurus or Chevy Impala.

## COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

- **911 Coordination**
- **Emergency Management**

### 911 COORDINATION

The Communications Division mission is to receive, organize and distribute information as needed in support of our agency's mission. The Communications Division has nineteen (19) authorized full-time positions. We answer 9-1-1 calls and radios twenty-four hours a day, every day. There is 1 supervisor and 5 dispatchers assigned to each shift; with a minimum staffing of 3 whenever possible.

Together these employees are responsible for answering non-emergency phone calls for the Sheriff's Office and municipal law enforcement agencies that do not have clerical staff working, as well as the emergency phone calls. There were approximately 131,600 phone calls received in the Communications Center in 2018. This includes all of the wireless 9-1-1 calls received in the county, as well as the wired 9-1-1 calls made from residences outside of the Cities of Lake Geneva, Delavan and Whitewater. The chart below lists the number of 9-1-1 calls received:

<i>2018</i>	<i>Landline</i>	<i>Wireless</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>January</i>	293	1189	1482
<i>February</i>	303	1222	1525
<i>March</i>	322	1323	1645
<i>April</i>	288	1305	1593
<i>May</i>	288	1781	2069
<i>June</i>	291	1920	2211
<i>July</i>	330	2129	2459
<i>August</i>	314	2039	2353
<i>September</i>	286	1782	2068
<i>October</i>	308	1612	1920
<i>November</i>	290	1406	1696
<i>December</i>	254	1308	1562
<i>Total</i>	3,567	19,016	22,583

The Communications Division continues to utilize the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) program for medical calls received in our communications center. This program provides

callers with medical instructions to render aid to someone having a medical emergency. Each dispatcher must obtain 12 hours of additional training each year, in a related EMD or communications field to maintain their certification in the program. In 2018, there were approximately 7,082 calls for service which could have resulted in some level of EMD. This averages more than 19 EMD calls every day.

The Communications Division is responsible for dispatching for 12 law enforcement agencies full-time, as well as another agency when their staff is not in. There are also 6 marine patrols in the summer which require our dispatch services. We also provide emergency communications for 13 fire department and 12 rescue squads in the county.

In 2018, the Communications Division continued working with our consultant Elert and Associates for the radio assessment. We met with the stakeholders this year and shared our vision of the system. The consultant made a recommendation for the Sheriff's Office to proceed. The State of Wisconsin announced they are going to upgrade their statewide radio communications equipment (WISCOM) to make it a portable based system, with the industry standard of 95% on-the-hip coverage. These improvements will allow more daily users of the WISCOM system potentially. The state was set to go out for RFP (Request for Proposal) on this project, however, with the change in governor coming in 2019, the RFP process was cancelled. We are waiting to see what direction the state is going to move prior to making a decision as to what direction we would like to take the communications in Walworth County. While waiting for the state to decide, we have already gathered verbal approval from all stakeholders to move forward on a single frequency system so all public safety services can talk on the same radio frequency to one another.

In 2018, the County developed an advisory committee to the Sheriff's Office comprised of local public safety stakeholders. The Emergency Communications Advisory Committee (ECAC) is comprised of the Sheriff's designee of the Communications Division captain, two chiefs from each fire, police and EMS, along with the medical directors of the two hospitals and the president of the MABAS Division 103. The duties of this committee are to make recommendations to the sheriff to promote efficient and timely dispatching of services, review protocols of fire and EMS, promote standardization of equipment, and make recommendations on customer service while meeting the needs of county residents in the future.



Giselle Venegas (pictured front row in chair) and her family, along with Flight for Life crew, visited the Communications Center. Giselle was involved in a crash where she lost her parents and a sibling in 2016. This visit was part of a reunion with first responders, dispatchers who worked the call, law enforcement officers, and Giselle's family.

This past year the Communications Division said goodbye to two long term dispatchers with the retirement of Kathy Nitsch and Susan Earle. Each had more than 30 years of experience as a dispatcher for the Sheriff's Office. The knowledge and experience they had will be missed as we develop the next generation of dispatchers. We were able to welcome Ashley Burden and Nikki Lipka-Bares to the Communications Division in 2018. Ashley completed the training program at the end of 2018 and is working independently, while Nikki is continuing through the training program into 2019.

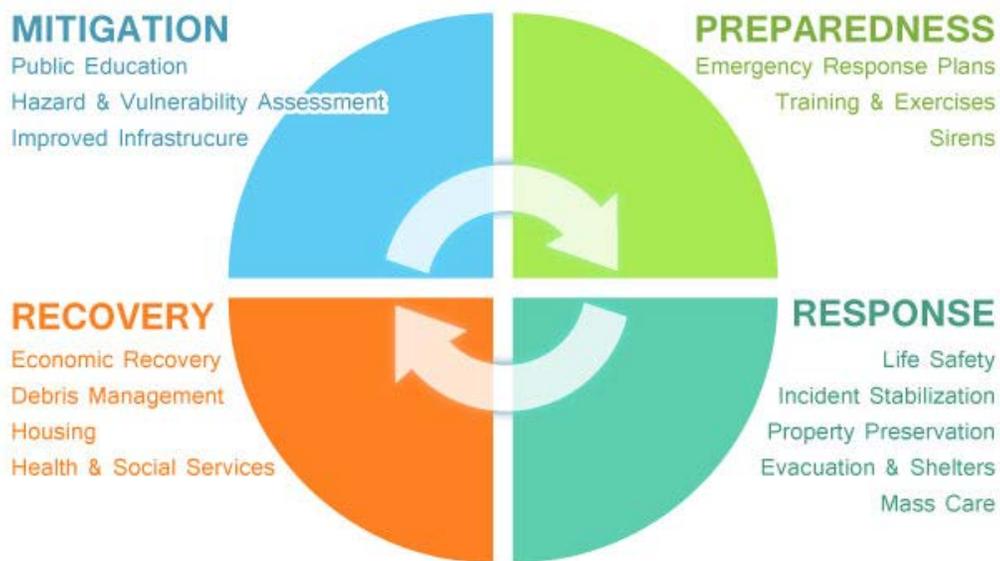
## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Emergency Management (EM) for Walworth County is under the direction of the Sheriff's Office. Lieutenant John Ennis is the Emergency Management Director. The EM director works with local Emergency Management directors for the towns, cities and villages in Walworth County. When an emergency occurs in one of the towns, villages or cities, Walworth County Emergency Management is there to assist them in working through the emergency and providing direction and assistance as

requested. If the emergency occurs in a township that does not have an EM Director, it is then the responsibility of the county Emergency Management director to handle the emergency.

Walworth County Emergency Management works closely with the State of Wisconsin Emergency Management to maintain emergency plans, resources and training to fulfill the responsibility of Emergency Management. Walworth County maintains a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, also known as CEMP. This plan is maintained by the EM division and is updated as needed. The plan is for Walworth County facilities, employees and assets owned and operated by Walworth County. Emergency Management continuously works on the County CEMP, which is designed to ensure that county government can continue to operate in the event of a major incident.

The responsibility of the Emergency Management Division is broken into four parts:



- Mitigation is the stage where we preplan for emergencies, we look at what might go wrong and how we can prevent it or make its impact less on the community.
- Preparedness is the stage where we put plans into place, training and exercises to help in the event of an emergency. We plan for known events, and also for the unexpected events such as tornadoes, snow storms, ice storms, excessive heat and large scale power outages.

- Response is the stage where we put into action the items that we have planned for and are called to assist with.
- Recovery is the longest stage of the four. The goal of recovery is to restore the community back to its original state. Sometimes this is not possible due to the extent of damage. Recovery can take months or even years depending on the event.

In 2018 an active shooter drill was held at Lakeland Health Care Center (LHCC), and facilitated by Lieutenant Ennis. LHCC has a plan in place for this type of event and by conducting this tabletop exercise they were able to evaluate their response plan. This also allowed other responding agencies to evaluate their response plans, and work with LHCC to update those plans. These exercises are very helpful to prepare all staff and responders in the event something does occur.

A second tabletop exercise was conducted by the City of Lake Geneva Fire and Police Departments, and assisted by Lieutenant Ennis. In this tabletop exercise a multi vehicle accident resulted in a hazardous materials spill. The exercise was designed to evaluate the planned responses by the fire and police departments.

Emergency Management participated in multiple exercises from other jurisdictions that were designed to assist county and local agencies with planning and responses.

Emergency Management along with the LaGrange Fire Department, Lake Geneva Police and Fire Departments and the Delavan Fire and Police Departments hosted three weather spotter classes in March, April and May. Each year the National Weather Service presents these classes to the public. The classes serve two main purposes:

- To inform the public about severe weather, how to recognize it, what to do when it approaches and how to plan ahead.
- To reach out to the public and recruit volunteer weather spotters. Weather spotters are not the people that chase storms, but are people that make observations from safe locations and report this information to the National Weather Service – Sullivan.

The National Weather Service in Sullivan cannot see what things look like on the ground. They like firsthand information to help them understand what the radar is showing and to make decisions about watches and warnings. Based on verbal

reports, written messages and photos they can get a better idea of what is going on in your neighborhood, and then make others aware of any potential problems or concerns.

Emergency Management responded to several hazardous material spills in 2018, including fuel, driveway seal coating, manure and milk.



*The above pictures are from a truck that rolled over on Highway 12 and spilled liquid seal coating.*

Both milk and manure in a waterway can create a lot of damage. The substances remove the dissolved oxygen from the water and can kill all living things. It is very important to immediately report these spills to prevent them from entering the waterways, and also to prevent absorption into the soil.

A major event this year was an ammonia leak at a large local employer. On July 29, 2018, at approximately 5:15AM, the Darien Fire Department responded to an ammonia leak inside a large business. Due to the required pre-planning by the company, the staff at the facility were aware of what to do and were evacuated. There were at least twenty agencies that responded and assisted, including the level B Hazmat team from Racine Fire Department. Local fire departments brought their air boats and used the large fans on the back to help ventilate the building. At approximately 2:30AM, Friday, July 30, 2018, the facility was deemed safe to enter. Once the interior was safe to reenter, the facility was turned back over to the owners and clean up began. There were 15 employees who were transported to area hospitals for treatment, while another 75 employees were evaluated at the scene and released. Pre-planning and response plans that were in place prior to this incident significantly reduced the response time and was responsible for the safe outcome.

## CORRECTIONS DIVISION

The Corrections Division was very busy in 2018. All staff at the jail have completed their 24 hours of yearly training with new Jail Training Sergeant Josh Smith and we have also welcomed eight new officers. An intense four day orientation course, facilitated by Corrections sergeants and training personnel, is attended by each new corrections officer. New officers then enter the training phase working 60 shifts with a CTO (Corrections Training Officer). The process has them working with officers on-line within the jail and Huber setting, while being taught all policies and procedures along with daily post orders, how inmates are classified, and important safety measures. All new Corrections officers are also required by Wisconsin DOJ Training and Standards to attend a 160 hour Jail School within the first year of employment, which will be increasing to 200 hours in 2019.

In 2018 the Corrections Division purchased new protective equipment for our CERT (Correctional Emergency Response Team). This equipment allows our staff to have more physical flexibility when responding to incidents that would dictate its use.



*CERT protective equipment*

The heart of our division is the staff that works tirelessly to make the Walworth County Jail run smoothly, safely, and securely. Corrections staff have the difficult and often dangerous task of ensuring the custody, safety, and well-being of inmates from all walks of life, different backgrounds, various religions, sometimes numerous addictions, and even issues with mental health. Without our correctional staff, it would be impossible to achieve the goals of security, control and rehabilitation that is provided daily to the 250 incarcerated inmates.

During Correctional Officers Week which was held May 7–11, the theme “We Salute Our Super Heroes” was displayed throughout the jail and breakroom and special meals, snacks, and desserts were provided to thank them for their hard work. A cake cutting ceremony was held and staff were recognized for their public service.



*Correctional Officer Week Celebration held May 9, 2018 – Pictured left Jail Superintendent Howard Sawyers, Sheriff Kurt Picknell, Aramark Supervisor Debbie Kenyon, Jail Administrator John Delaney, Jail Superintendent Steve Sax, Undersheriff Kevin Williams*

## **Inmate Housing**

Prisoner confinement for Probation and Parole (Department of Corrections) holds in the jail resulted in revenue of \$202,840 which is an increase of over \$36,000 from 2017. Also received as jail revenue was \$8,805 from area municipalities. As a result of an agreement between the Department of Corrections (Probation and Parole) and Walworth County to temporarily house offenders on Extended Sanctions (for up to 90 days) revenue of \$66,212 was received in 2018, which is a decrease of \$45,000 from the previous year.

With the implementation of charging a Jail Booking Fee which began in 2005, sentenced inmates are charged \$25 for each booking they receive. The total revenue collected from booking fees in 2018 was \$31,545.

On April 1, 2015 the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice's DNA at Arrest Program took affect. It requires both adult and juvenile violent felonies, as well as adult misdemeanor convictions, to submit to a DNA test, which provides the state with a DNA sample. This is completed at the jail by our classification officers and jail supervisors. In 2018, the number of DNA tests completed was 720, which only varied by 8 tests from the previous year. The collection of DNA samples continues to enhance law enforcement's ability to solve crimes, identify perpetrators, eliminate the innocent, convict the guilty, and prevent additional crimes from occurring. From the recent Department of Justice statistics, a total of 1,098 investigative leads were reported by using the Wisconsin DNA Databank. This statistic exceeds the highest number of annual investigative leads in the history of the state, and approximately 30% of the investigative leads provided to law enforcement involved high priority or public safety threats such as sexual assaults, homicides, etc.

## **Support Services**

ARAMARK Correctional Services has provided food and support services to the Jail and Sheriff's Office since January 2008, celebrating their 10 year anniversary this year. We'd like to thank Debbie Kenyon, the Food Service Manager, and the ARAMARK staff for their high quality of work and care. The kitchen provides three nutritious balanced meals to Jail and Huber inmates daily, as well as fresh favorite choices for inmates and county employees to purchase. Inmate meals were served at an average cost of \$1.32 per meal, an increase from last year by .08 per meal.

This year, the jail garden was operational with inmates planting, tending, and harvesting over 4,500 pounds of produce. The inmates worked hard training side by side with kitchen supervisors to till, weed, and harvest the garden. It is estimated that a cost savings of \$2,500 this year alone can be attributed to our jail garden.

Debbie and her staff do a wonderful job, including supervising the inmate kitchen workers, staying current on the latest training to handle inmate labor, overseeing laundry, performing hazmat cleanups, keeping our Snack-and-Go area in the breakroom stocked and everything in the kitchen running smoothly.

### **Jail Medical**

After two years with the Walworth County Jail, Medical Team Administrator Phyllis Dodds retired and RN Amy Hall was hired in her place. Twenty-four hour nursing within the jail continued for a third year and it has been working well servicing both Jail and Huber inmates.

With new staff and updated records always improving, more secure preparations were implemented including a new Electronic Medical Records System. This new recordkeeping device helps with storage and accessibility to inmate medical records. Sharing information with other area jails is easier and the records are more secure. Mental Health/Social Worker Loukia Alafogianis joined us at the end of 2017. This year she saw 1,859 inmates, counseled and assisted the inmates so that when released they have a safe and secure place to go, and can strive to become productive individuals. Seeing an average of 155 inmates per month, Loukia is assisted by Health and Human Services Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Marko Pease (APPNP), whose talent and expertise are shared with us two half-days a week conducting psychiatric evaluations.

### **Electronic Monitoring Program**

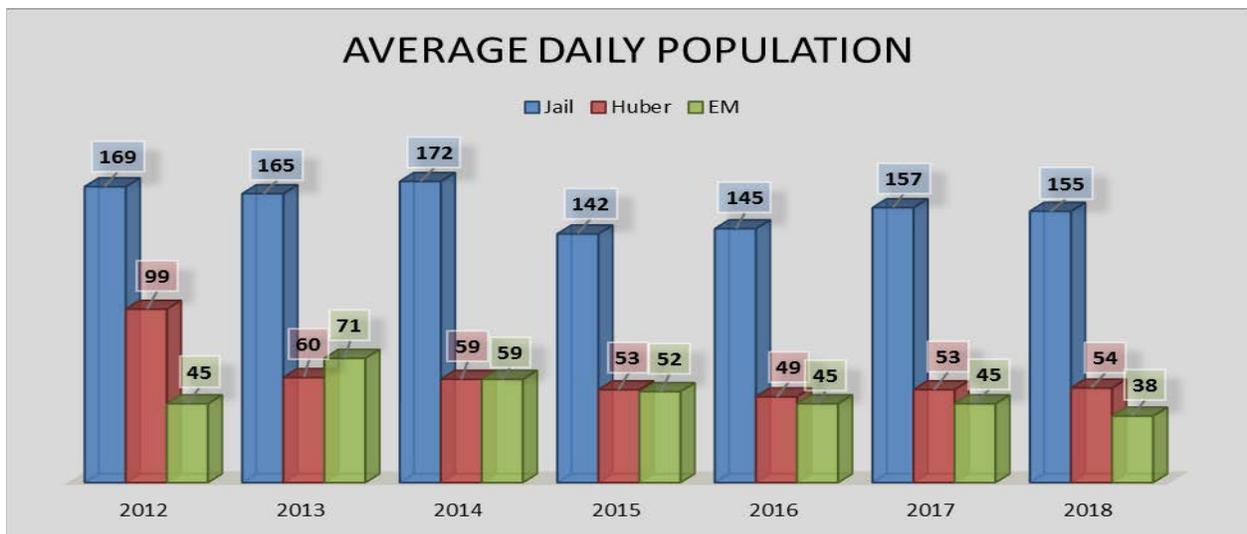
The Electronic Monitoring (EM) Diversion Program is supervised by Jail Superintendent Steven Sax and Electronic Monitoring Sergeant Robert Duffey. A team of six officers monitor the daily activities of the inmates. All inmates are equipped with and monitored utilizing a GPS ankle bracelet and an Alcohol

Monitoring Device. During 2018, 237 inmates participated in the EM Program with an average of 38 inmates being monitored per day. Throughout the year 38 participants were revoked from the program overall giving an approximate completion rate of 84% this year, down from 88% completion previously.

Throughout the year, the Electronic Monitoring team depended on one of the newest alcohol monitoring technologies available called SoberLink, which is a mobile unit that allows inmates to submit alcohol tests at home or away from their residence. This unit utilizes the latest photo recognition technology to validate that the appropriate person is submitting the alcohol test. Inmates are often required to submit 4 to 5 alcohol tests per day while on Electronic Monitoring.

### **Inmate Programming**

There are a number of programming opportunities available to inmates confined within the Walworth County Jail. The main goal of our programming is to leave the inmates better than we found them so when they return to society they can use their skills to be productive citizens. Jail Programs currently offered are: Jail Literacy including Reading, Writing, and Math classes, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery which is faith based drug addiction counseling that has grown tremendously in the past year, group Bible studies, Catholic Ministries, live TV religious programming on Sunday mornings, and GED courses. In 2018 our GED Program was led by new instructor Larry Kirkwood. In 2018, twenty inmates attended GED courses at the Jail, 17 students completed one or more GED tests and 3 students earned their GED.



## INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

- **Detective Bureau**
- **Drug Unit**

### DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Sheriff’s Office Detective Bureau consists of nine detectives working under the supervision of Captain Robert J. Hall. The Detective Bureau investigates all felony and misdemeanor crimes. All cases are evaluated and assigned for investigation based on the highest need. The highest priority of cases involve victim crimes such as death investigations, sexual assaults, child pornography, human trafficking, battery and robbery. The next category of crimes involve property including burglary, criminal damage, fraud, identity theft, welfare fraud, contactor fraud, theft, arson and worthless checks.

Members of the public interested in contacting the Investigations Division may do so at <http://www.co.walworth.wi.us/Sheriffs%20Office/Sheriff/Detective/DetectiveFAQ.aspx>. This link provides information for reporting crimes, receiving crime victim restitution information, and identity theft packet information.

<i>Detective Bureau Investigations</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Death Investigations:</i>			
<i>Homicides</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Suicides</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Death Investigation</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>Sexual assaults</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Internet Crimes against children</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Aggravated physical assaults</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Arson</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Burglaries/attempted burglaries</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>34</i>
<i>Thefts</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>156</i>
<i>Motor vehicle thefts</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Fraud cases:</i>			
<i>Internet/Theft-attempted by fraud/ID theft/worthless checks</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>88</i>
<i>Solicitation of prostitution</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>19</i>

The current caseload for each detective varies. The Detective Bureau is actively following up on leads for 92 cases assigned during 2018. The Detective Bureau assists other law enforcement agencies within and outside the jurisdictional boundaries of Walworth County. During 2018 detectives assisted other law

enforcement agencies with 41 investigations. The Detective Bureau assisted the Village of East Troy Police Department with a robbery of the Associated Bank on Main Street. The detectives worked seamlessly with the Village of East Troy Police Department which resulted in the identification and arrest of the suspect within a month of the offense. As a result of the collaboration the suspect was convicted of bank robbery and sentenced to state prison.



*Detectives Bob Schiltz (right) and Juan Ortiz process evidence from a burglary*

The Sheriff's Office is an active participant in the Sensitive Crimes Response Team for Walworth County. Detectives work closely with The Tree House adopting and following the Wisconsin Model of Forensic Interviewing. The partnership established with Children's Hospital and the Sheriff's Office has provided reliable interview techniques of children, professional counseling services and medical care.

Detectives may have collateral assignments during the year. Detectives assist the Walworth County Drug Enforcement Unit during surveillance and warrant operations. Two detectives are assigned to the Crash Reconstruction Team to complete interviews and follow-up during serious injury and fatal crash investigations. Two detectives are assigned as negotiators for the Walworth County SWAT Team. Two detectives are assigned to the Walworth County Fire Investigation Task Force. Detectives also work additional assignments with the Dive Team, Human Trafficking Operations, Snowmobile Patrol and ATV patrol.



*Detective Troy Pagenkopf providing fraud information at a senior citizen event*

### **Fraud Investigations**

Detectives Troy Pagenkopf and Robert Craig are members of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI). The IAFCI mission statement notes: “IAFCI gives professional investigators national and international investigative capabilities to establish effective financial crimes programs. Members work to eradicate fraudulent financial transactions, to promote a complete exchange of criminal intelligence and to apprehend and prosecute lawbreakers.” It also denotes: “Chapters have been formed across the United States, Canada, Europe, Central and South America, Africa and Asia. Members come from all levels of law enforcement, prosecution, security and every segment of the financial transaction industry.” Membership in the ACFE (Association of Certified Fraud Examiners) and IAFCI provides Detectives Pagenkopf and Craig training opportunities, contacts in both public and private sectors and investigative tools/databases to assist in fraud investigations. The ACFE website ([www.acfe.com](http://www.acfe.com)) notes it is “*the world's largest anti-fraud organization and premier provider of anti-fraud training and education. The mission of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners is to reduce the incidence of fraud and white-collar crime and to assist the Membership in fraud detection and deterrence.*”

## **Digital Forensics Service**

The digital forensics field continues to be an important element of criminal investigations. The Digital Forensics Service processes computers and mobile devices for Sheriff's Office investigations and partner law enforcement entities. Detectives Robert Craig and Mike Lambert are assigned to the Digital Forensics Service. Both detectives regularly attend updated training to maintain their current certifications and seek new technology to defeat encrypted and passcode protected technologies. In August 2018, Detective Lambert attended Basic Computer Evidence Recovery Training (BCERT) hosted by the United States Secret Service in Hoover, Alabama. The five week school was fully funded by the Secret Service and provided education regarding digital forensic evidence recovery.

The digital devices commonly used by offenders include mobile telephones, tablets, computers, and any other devices used to store digital data. In addition to the traditional storage mediums the detectives are trained to recover evidence from IoT devices (Internet of Things). IoT devices include wireless sensors, software, actuators, and computer devices. They are attached to a particular object that operates through the internet, enabling the transfer of data among objects or people automatically without human intervention. Conservative industry estimates predict the number of connected devices will be 75.4 billion in 2025 and 125 billion by 2030 throughout the United States.

The Digital Forensic Service provides services to the Sheriff's Office, Walworth County Drug Unit, Walworth County Medical Examiner and outside agencies such as this county's municipalities.

Detectives perform analysis of digital evidence in addition to their primary duties of investigating crimes. Detective Robert Craig works as the lead analyst for our Digital Forensic Service while still maintaining a general investigative case load. Detective Craig maintains certification for EnCase (computer forensic software). Detective Michael Lambert works on digital evidence while maintaining a general investigations caseload. Detective Lambert's primary focus is Mobile Device Forensics. Detectives Craig and Lambert received Mobile Forensic Certifications for the Cellebrite UFED (hardware and software).



*Detectives searching a vehicle during a human trafficking operation*

### **ICAC and File Sharing of Child Pornography Investigation**

Detective Robert Craig is the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigator for the Sheriff's Office. Detective Craig works closely with the Wisconsin Department of Justice investigating tips related to the exploitation of children. Detective Craig's efforts resulted in the arrest of two international predators who victimized children residing in our community. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police arrested a suspect in May 2018 and Israel National Police/National Cyber Unit advised the Sheriff's Office of the conviction of a suspect from an investigation started in our county.

Detectives Lambert and Craig continued to monitor P2P (file sharing of child pornographic images). Detective Lambert sets the criteria to see who is using file sharing programs to trade known child pornography within Walworth County and the surrounding area. This is a proactive program that searches for offenders, which is more effective than waiting for "tips" or complaints to come in.

<b>2017 Digital Evidence Processed</b>	<b>Mobile</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>USB</b>
<i>Walworth County Sheriff's Office</i>	76	15	19
<i>Walworth County Drug Unit</i>	22	-	-
<i>City of Whitewater Police Dept.</i>	13	2	-
<i>City of Elkhorn Police Dept.</i>	22	1	-
<i>City of Lake Geneva Police Dept.</i>	28	5	5
<i>Village of East Troy Police Dept.</i>	6	-	-
<i>Village of Sharon Police Dept.</i>	9	-	-
<i>Village of Walworth Police Dept.</i>	3	-	-
<i>Village of Genoa City Police Dept.</i>	9	3	4
<i>Town of Delavan Police Dept.</i>	5	-	-
<i>Town of East Troy Police Dept.</i>	1	-	-
<i>University of Wisconsin – Whitewater Police Dept.</i>	3	-	-
<i>Bloomfield Police Dept.</i>	1	-	-
<i>City of Delavan Police Dept.</i>	-	1	-
<i>Town of Geneva Police Dept.</i>	1	-	-
<i>Wisconsin Probation and Parole</i>	1	-	-
<i>Wisconsin State Patrol</i>	1	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

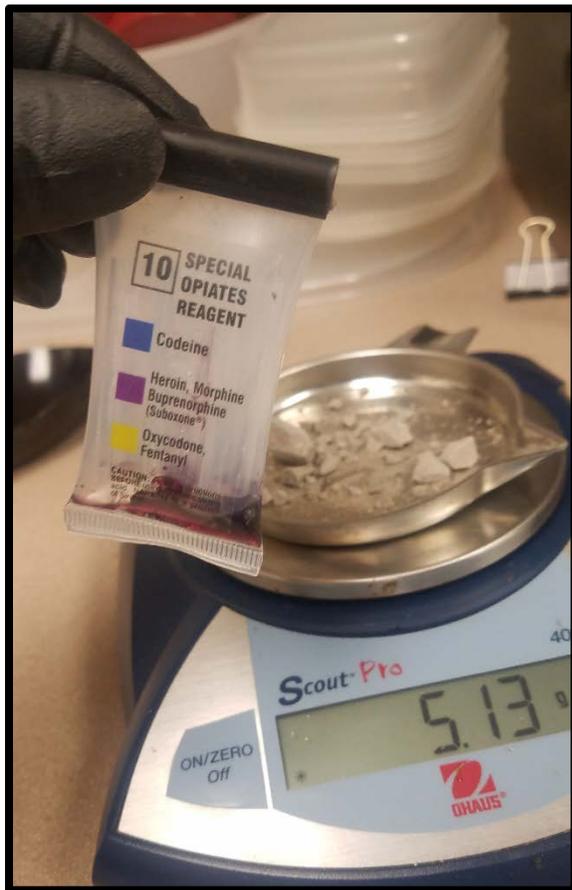
### **Evidence Storage**

When evidence of a crime is collected or items are ordered to be surrendered by the Circuit Court, it needs to be stored in a secure environment. Evidence and surrendered items are stored in several secure locations within the Sheriff's Office based on the category, size, and length of storage requirement. It is vital for the Sheriff to maintain the chain of custody in criminal cases. Following are the results of an annual audit of the property system:

<b>Property System Statistics</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<i>Total number of pieces of evidence</i>	13,767	13,718	11,900
<i>Weapons stored</i>	183	257	228
<i>Valuables stored (i.e., cash, jewelry)</i>	117	226	172
<i>Drugs stored</i>	1,867	2,099	2,136
<i>Wisconsin State Crime lab</i>	94	32	29
<i>Pieces of evidence destroyed or disposed of</i>	441	1,856	2,201

## DRUG UNIT

The Drug Unit is directed by Investigations Captain Robert Hall. The Drug Unit is staffed by members of the Walworth County Sheriff's Office, a City of Lake Geneva police officer and a detective from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater Police Department. The Sheriff has assigned one sergeant, four deputies and an administrative secretary. Deputies are appointed to the Drug Unit by the Sheriff. When a deputy is rotated back to the Patrol Division they use the knowledge and skills acquired to assist the Patrol Division in narcotics investigations and arrests.



*Heroin testing*

The mission of the Drug Unit is to conduct drug investigations impacting Walworth County. The Walworth County Drug Enforcement Unit is committed to investigating all forms of illicit criminal activity throughout the county. The Drug Unit believes prevention, early intervention and proactive tactics to the drug problem are critical components when stopping the spread of drug use in our community. The Drug Unit coordinates presentations for educational, medical and civic groups, and provides information relating to current drug trends and education on the side effects of illegal drugs.

The Drug Unit is a member of SEADOG (South Eastern Area Drug Operations Group), which is a multi-county Task Force including Jefferson, Dodge, Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties.

SEADOG works cooperatively in an effort to identify, locate and stop drug trafficking in Southeast Wisconsin.

The Drug Unit operates under the direction of the Drug Unit Board of Directors, which consists of the Sheriff and five municipal police chiefs. The board oversees funds that are in the forfeiture accounts. This money is spent on overtime, equipment, fuel, cell phones, training and vehicle maintenance. SEADOG's total

grant amount in 2018 was \$211,792 and Walworth County’s portion of that was \$36,612. The Drug Unit received an additional \$20,000 of grant funding through the WI-DOJ 2017 C.O.P.S. – Anti-Heroin/Opiate and Methamphetamine grants.

The Drug Unit members have a primary focus to investigate the illegal trafficking and manufacturing of drugs in Walworth County. In 2018, the Drug Unit conducted 188 controlled buys and executed 44 search warrants. The Drug Unit assisted other Walworth County law enforcement agencies with 100 drug investigations. The Drug Unit supports local law enforcement by providing manpower for search warrants, equipment and assisting with reports.

<b><i>Drug Arrests</i></b>	<b><i>2016</i></b>	<b><i>2017</i></b>	<b><i>2018</i></b>
<i>Marijuana, possession</i>	333	245	235
<i>Marijuana, delivery</i>	22	120	11
<i>Cocaine, possession</i>	8	22	10
<i>Cocaine, delivery</i>	13	31	13
<i>Crack cocaine, possession</i>	1	2	9
<i>Crack cocaine, delivery</i>	0	2	2
<i>Heroin, possession</i>	12	16	12
<i>Heroin, delivery</i>	19	11	1
<i>Methamphetamine, possession</i>	16	8	1
<i>Methamphetamine, delivery</i>	0	3	2
<i>Methamphetamine, manufacturing</i>	13	9	0
<i>Prescription pills, possession</i>	28	25	6
<i>Prescription pills, delivery</i>	7	4	11
<i>Other (LSD, psilocybin, ecstasy), possession</i>	5	4	2
<i>Other (LSD, psilocybin, ecstasy), delivery</i>	10	13	15
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>487</i></b>	<b><i>515</i></b>	<b><i>330</i></b>

<b><i>Drug Seizures</i></b>	<b><i>2016</i></b>	<b><i>2017</i></b>	<b><i>2018</i></b>
<i>Marijuana (grams)</i>	5,074	16,857	10,055
<i>Cultivated Marijuana plants</i>	62	78	35
<i>Cocaine (grams)</i>	55	675	337
<i>Crack Cocaine (grams)</i>	0	675	15
<i>Ecstasy (grams)</i>	2	20	46
<i>Heroin (grams)</i>	22	21	6
<i>LSD (units)</i>	263	927	335
<i>Methamphetamine (grams)</i>	328	103	6
<i>Psilocybin (mushrooms) (grams)</i>	133	2	47

## **PATROL DIVISION**

- **Traffic Safety Commission**
- **Traffic Safety Grants**
- **Crash Investigation Unit (CIU)**
- **Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement**
- **All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Patrol/Snowmobile Patrol**
- **Motorcycle Unit**
- **Township Liaison Program**
- **Mountain Bike Unit**
- **K9 Unit**
- **Fugitive Task Force (FTF)**
- **Gang Enforcement Unit**
- **Whitewater Lake Boat Patrol**
- **Sexual Offender Registry Team (SRT)**
- **Crime Prevention Program**
- **Humane Deputy Program**
- **Honor Guard**

The Patrol Division is the largest sworn division in the Sheriff's Office. It is led by Captain Dave Gerber, and supervised by six sergeants; two on each of three patrol shifts. The men and women in the patrol division answer calls for service from the most routine to the most serious, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In 2018, the Sheriff's Office agency handled 52,301 calls for service, which is an increase from 50,082 calls for service in 2017. Currently there are 53 deputy positions in the Patrol Division (46 Patrolmen, 6 Sergeants, and 1 Captain). Uniformed patrol deputies operate the squad cars you see patrolling your interstates, highways, county roads and residential streets. Their responsibilities include traffic enforcement, business and house checks, responding to car crashes, rescue calls, alarms, all other emergency calls for service, transporting prisoners, assisting citizens, and writing reports. They are the first responding deputies to all calls for service. Deputies make arrests, collect evidence, issue citations or warnings, perform CPR and other emergency first aid, etc.

Additionally, the Patrol Division is called upon to augment and support the municipal police agencies in Walworth County who may be unavailable to respond to calls and patrol their areas for a variety of reasons, such as court appearances, training or other obligations. The smaller municipal police agencies may only have a single officer on duty, and we are called to assist them with calls for service

acting as a backup officer. We take all calls for service and perform routine patrol in these cities, villages, and townships when municipal police officers are unavailable. The coverage periods range from a couple of hours to an entire shift or more. Here is just a sample of some of the types of calls we covered and/or assisted with:

- Burglar or fire alarms
- Emergency detentions due to mental health or alcohol incapacity
- Rescue calls
- Car crashes
- Disorderly subjects/fights in progress
- Motor vehicle hit and run
- OWI (Operating While Intoxicated)
- Criminal damage to property
- Thefts
- Trespassing
- Underage drinking
- Possession of narcotics
- Vandalism
- Domestic abuse
- Sexual Assaults
- Public nuisance calls
- Warrant arrests



*Marked Patrol Explorer, Tahoe, and motorcycle*

Patrol deputies also serve on special teams/units when they are not performing routine patrol functions. Additionally, deputies provide traffic control, traffic enforcement, and law enforcement services at Alpine Valley Music Theater during the scheduled concerts. Ancillary duties include:

<i>Crash Investigation Unit</i>	<i>Arson Task Force</i>
<i>GETU (Gang Enforcement Tactical Unit)</i>	<i>Fugitive Task Force</i>
<i>Motorcycle Patrol Unit</i>	<i>SWAT Team</i>
<i>Dive Team</i>	<i>Township Liaison Deputies</i>
<i>Electronic Monitoring Diversion Program</i>	<i>Drug Interdiction Deputies</i>
<i>ATV Patrol Unit</i>	<i>Snowmobile Patrol Unit</i>
<i>Humane Officer Unit</i>	<i>Mountain Bike Patrol</i>
<i>Background Investigations Team</i>	<i>Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement</i>
<i>Sexual Offender Registry checks</i>	<i>K-9 Unit</i>



*Zac Brown Band at Alpine Valley Music Theatre August 2018*

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

The Sheriff's Office plays an important role in highway safety, performing a dual role of educating the public and enforcing the laws. The Sheriff's Office achieves this through routine patrol, participation in highway safety initiatives such as "Operation Click", media outreach, and enhanced traffic grant enforcements. The Sheriff's Office supports the efforts of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to promote "Zero in Wisconsin", which is a program to reduce the number of traffic deaths and serious injury crashes. The ultimate goal is to achieve zero deaths on Wisconsin roads.

The Sheriff's Office has sworn representatives on the county's Traffic Safety Commission which is set by County Ordinance. Members include Sheriff Picknell, Captain Dave Gerber (chairman) and Sergeants Bill Melloch and Alan Gorecki who serve as vice-chairmen. The Sheriff's Office is also a very active participant in Operation Click, a program designed to teach and reward safe driving by our local teenagers.

<i><b>Sheriff's Office Crash Statistics</b></i>	<i><b>Total Crashes</b></i>	<i><b>Injury Crashes</b></i>	<i><b>Fatal Crashes</b></i>
<i><b>Year</b></i>			
2006	1649	543	15
2007	1981	563	11
2008	1958	516	4
2009	1753	463	14
2010	2108	444	11
2011	1621	419	19
2012	1605	421	13
2013	1799	414	11
2014	985	235	6
2015	999	21	8
2016	1104	258	9
2017	813	23	24
2018	1012	220	4



*Car crash on Spring Valley Road*



*Fatal Car Crash at the intersection of Hwy 11/14 and Hwy C*

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS**

This was the fourth full year that Walworth County Traffic Safety Task Force was deployed. The Task Force consists of the Sheriff's Office along with every municipal law enforcement agency in Walworth County. The Bureau of Transportation Safety explained our task force has been used by the State of Wisconsin as a model to other traffic grant task forces. The focus of the task force is traffic safety with a three prong approach; speed, seat belts, and alcohol enforcement. The annual Highway Safety Conference was held at the Grand Geneva in 2018. Captain Gerber and Sergeant Melloch were part of a panel of presenters on the overview of a crash.

The results of the 2017-2018 campaign are as follows. A total of 1,283 citations were issued for the Seatbelt Grant, and there were 525 warnings issued for various traffic violations. On the Alcohol Grant, 632 citations were issued with 513 warnings for various traffic violations. Nineteen OWI arrests were made during the grant year, which is an increase of two from the prior year. The Task Force was awarded one grant for 2019-2020 year. This grant is for \$50,000 and will focus on drunk driving. Traffic grants are assigned based on crash data sent to the DOT via Badger Tracs.

### **CRASH INVESTIGATION UNIT (CIU)**

The Crash Investigation Unit (CIU) had an exceptional year in 2018. The unit was only called out five times. This is significantly lower than our average of twenty four callouts per year. Patrol focused efforts on speed and operating a vehicle while intoxicated enforcement are hopefully paying dividends in lowering the traffic deaths in our county. Captain Dave Gerber administers the unit and Sergeant Bill Melloch serves as the unit coordinator. Team members include Deputies Bob Wierenga, Jason Rowland, Chris Such, Rich Johnson, Cody Schwartz, Tim Rumer, Jesse Smith and Detectives Craig Konopski and Juan Ortiz. All of these deputies have extensive training and expertise in crash investigation and crash reconstruction. Crash investigation and crash reconstruction are common terms, but what exactly are they, and what do they mean? After a motor vehicle crash occurs, particularly one resulting in severe injuries or death, it will usually be investigated and sometimes be reconstructed. The Sheriff's Office will investigate a crash with the intention of determining if any criminal action took place in the crash. Some of the things the CIU identifies are what caused the crash to occur such as driver factors, vehicle factors, environmental factors, roadway conditions, traffic influences, etc. Other parts of the investigation include what statute violations may have occurred such as hours-of-service violations, mechanical violations, alcohol and drug use, speed, no seat belt use, etc.

A crash investigation can consist of many aspects. The investigation usually begins with an inspection of the crash site. At the site, measurements are taken of evidence left by the vehicles. These include point of impact, final resting positions, skid marks, gouge marks, etc. Measurements are taken using electronic surveying equipment. With this equipment, a computer-generated scale diagram can be produced and may be used to reconstruct the crash. Vehicle inspections are a significant part of the crash investigation. These inspections include measuring the amount of damage including the damage profile of the vehicles. This information is useful if a crash reconstruction is performed. The mechanical components of the vehicles including brakes, steering, tires, suspension, lights,

etc., may be inspected and tested to determine if the condition of these components was a causative factor in the crash. The investigation may include driver qualifications. CIU members may audit log books and review other motor carrier compliance materials.

With the crash investigation complete, a crash reconstruction can be performed. Reconstruction is the process of using physics to determine the speeds of the vehicles, and/or their relative positions at different times during the crash sequence. Information such as pre- and post-impact direction of travel, length of pre-impact skid marks, post-impact distances moved, friction values for the various surfaces the vehicles traveled over, point of impact, impact angles, and weights of the vehicles are all used as factors in the equations used to reconstruct a crash.

Technology that assists the reconstruction team is the Crash Data Recorder or CDR (black box) that is installed in newer vehicles. Downloading this information confirms data recovered at the scene. Currently two team members are certified to interpret the data. In 2018 the CIU responded to five vehicle crashes in which four people died. The CIU also assists the Investigations Division in crime scene mapping.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Result</i>
<i>3/28/2018</i>	<i>Hwy 14 @ Hwy M</i>	<i>1 - Fatal</i>
<i>3/30/2018</i>	<i>Potter Rd/ Cobb Rd</i>	<i>1 - Injury</i>
<i>5/5/2018</i>	<i>Hwy12/HWY50</i>	<i>1 - Injury</i>
<i>5/29/2018</i>	<i>Hwy 12/Sterlingworth Dr</i>	<i>2 - Fatal /2 Injury</i>
<i>6/29/2018</i>	<i>Hwy 36/HWY 11</i>	<i>1 - Injury</i>



*Fatal Car Crash Hwy 12/67 at Sterlingworth Drive May 2018*

## **COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT**

The truck inspection Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) has been in operation part time within our agency since 2011. Sergeant Ken Brand coordinates the truck inspection program. The program is administered by Captain Dave Gerber. The program is operated with the consent and assistance of the Wisconsin State Patrol. According to the Wisconsin State Patrol, the CVSA (Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance) recommends 245 inspections to be completed in our county annually. This is based on statistics including crashes involving commercial motor vehicles, truck routes, freeway mileage, violations, etc. Last year, as well as 2018, the State Patrol has invited Deputy Neil Trombley to participate in their commercial motor carrier enforcement operations targeting violations in Walworth County.

Deputy Mike Lauderdale has recently joined the truck enforcement program, recently passing the stringent federal training program at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy. Deputy Lauderdale completed his required training inspections last fall at the Kenosha scale under the training and guidance of a state trooper certified as a training officer, earning his federal credentials. The addition of Deputy Lauderdale demonstrates the sheriff's commitment to safer highways in Walworth County. Deputy Trombley's primary assignment is dayshift patrolman. Deputy Lauderdale is assigned to third shift patrol. Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection is a collateral assignment. The certification allows them to stop and inspect all commercial motor vehicles, including tractor trailers, straight trucks, dump trucks, and delivery vehicles. Deputy Trombley also performs vehicle weight enforcement, and carries portable scales in his service vehicle on loan from the Wisconsin State Patrol. Deputy Lauderdale will also be trained on their proper usage.

Besides being a MCSAP certified inspector, Deputy Trombley is also certified in commercial motor vehicle drug interdiction and commercial motor vehicle post-crash inspection (Non-Haz Mat). Deputy Trombley has consulted with and often offers input and advice on matters of commercial motor carriers to the Sheriff's Crash Investigation Unit. In 2018 Deputy Trombley completed five post-crash investigation/inspections. Data gathered by Deputy Trombley is a vital component of a crash investigation.

The following statistics reflect the period of October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2017. The CVSA uses these statistics for their yearly analysis.

<b><i>MCSAP Statistics</i></b>	<b><i>2015</i></b>	<b><i>2016</i></b>	<b><i>2017</i></b>	<b><i>2018</i></b>
<b><i>Level 1 inspections - includes mechanical items, safety items, and driver paperwork including log books.</i></b>	43	28	54	36
<b><i>Level 2 inspections – includes safety and visible mechanical items (without going under the truck) and driver paperwork including log books.</i></b>	58	23	33	14
<b><i>Level 3 inspections – includes driver and company paperwork and log books.</i></b>	4	3	1	3
<b><i>Level 4 inspections—includes agriculture and specialty service vehicles</i></b>	2	1	1	0
<b><i>Total vehicles placed Out of Service for critical safety violations.</i></b>	68	35	44	16
<b><i>Total drivers placed Out of Service for license requirements and hours of duty (log book) violations.</i></b>	13	12	8	10

The Sheriff’s Office out of service rate for Commercial Motor Vehicles for 2018 is 26%. The Sheriff’s Office out of service rate for drivers (non-compliant or unqualified) for 2018 is 19%. In 2018 a total of 261 citations were issued. Average violations cited per inspection is 4.92.

The overall amount of inspections have slowly decreased. This can be explained by the extraordinary demands of the patrol division. As mentioned earlier, this is a part time program, with patrol being the primary assignment. However, with the commitment and addition of an additional inspector, these numbers should improve.



*Deputy Trombley and Sergeant Brand inspecting a CMV crash on Highway 120*

## **ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) PATROL/ SNOWMOBILE PATROL/MOTORCYCLE PATROL**

### **ATV Patrol**

The Sheriff's Office has operated an ATV Patrol program for many years. The program is coordinated by Deputy Brian Kilpin under the supervision of Captain Dave Gerber. The goals of the ATV Patrol program include the safe operation of ATVs, compliance with local and state laws, and to provide support services to the various divisions of the Sheriff's Office. The ATV patrol program has been utilized to search for lost or injured persons and rescue assignments throughout the county. The SWAT Team has requested the ATVs to provide support for their operations. The ATVs have also been used to search for suspects and evidence in various cases and weather emergencies.

Deputies volunteer for ATV assignment and must attend an initial intensive training program and a yearly update to remain in the program. The training program includes laws, department policies, maintenance of the ATVs and a safe operations course. ATV patrol deputies operate in 2 person patrol units. The coordinator or designee must attend biannual updates with the DNR, which includes law changes, procedures and available equipment. The coordinator or designee then delivers this training to the deputies at the yearly updates. ATV patrols are assigned during high traffic and complaint times as well as specific

problem areas. A large portion of the patrol time is during the winter months on the frozen waterways of Walworth County.

The ATV patrol program is almost entirely funded by the Wisconsin DNR through a reimbursement program. ATV owner registration fees fund the program. ATVs have the highest number of registrations in Wisconsin; much more than watercraft and snowmobiles. The maintenance, fuel, training, related equipment, and wages are reimbursed by the DNR.

The Sheriff's Office averaged a citation ratio of 1 citation for every 5.6 hours of patrol time, which is better than the state average. In 2018 there were 14 citations and 19 warnings issued.

<i>ATV Patrol Citations</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Operate ATV on roadway</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Operate ATV without registration</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Improper display of registration stickers</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>ATV OWI</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Operate ATV in careless manner</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>No safety certificate</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Operate without license plate</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<b><i>Totals</i></b>	<b><i>23</i></b>	<b><i>10</i></b>	<b><i>11</i></b>	<b><i>18</i></b>	<b><i>14</i></b>



*ATV patrol*

## SNOWMOBILE PATROL

The Sheriff's Office has operated a Snowmobile Patrol program for many years. The program is coordinated by Deputy Brian Kilpin under supervision of Captain Dave Gerber. The goals of the Snowmobile Patrol program include safe operation of snowmobiles, compliance with local and state laws, and to provide support services to the various divisions within the agency. The Snowmobile Patrol program has been utilized to search for lost or injured persons and rescue assignments in the county. The SWAT Team has requested the snowmobiles to provide support for their operations. The snowmobiles have been used to search for suspects and evidence in various cases as well as weather emergencies.



*Snowmobile patrol*

Snowmobile Patrol deputies volunteer for this assignment. Deputies that volunteer for the program must attend an intensive training program and a yearly update to remain in the program. The training program includes laws, department policies, maintenance of the snowmobiles and a safe operations course. Snowmobile patrol deputies operate in two person patrol units. The Sheriff's Office owns four 2016 Polaris snowmobiles, as well as the trailers used to transport the snowmobiles and equipment. The coordinator or designee must attend biannual updates with the DNR, including law changes, procedures, and available equipment. The coordinator or designee then delivers this training to the deputies at the yearly updates. Snowmobile patrols are assigned during high traffic and complaint times as well as specific problem areas. A large portion of the patrol time is on Walworth County's over 360 miles of marked trails and on the frozen waterways. In addition, the Sheriff's Office responds to snowmobile crash investigations each year.

The snowmobile patrol program is almost entirely funded by the Wisconsin DNR through a reimbursement program. Snowmobile owner registration fees fund the program. The snowmobile maintenance, fuel, training, related equipment, and wages are reimbursed by the DNR. The Sheriff's Office issued 13 citations and 14 written warnings during the 2017/2018 season. The Sheriff's Office averaged a citation ratio of 1 citation for every 4.5 hours of patrol time, which is well below the state average. The snowmobile patrol is dependent on annual snowfall and snowmobile trail conditions. 2017 was an unseasonably warm winter and as you can see our patrol increased in 2018 with normal snow conditions for Southeastern Wisconsin. One of the most common complaints we continue to receive is snowmobiles operating off the trail system and trespassing on land of another.

<i>Snowmobile Patrol Citations</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Non-registration of snowmobile</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Improper display of registration stickers</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Operate without safety certificate</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Trespassing with snowmobile</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Failure to display registration</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>No trail pass</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Operate in careless manner</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Operate snowmobile on highway</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<b><i>Totals</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>	<b><i>13</i></b>

### **MOTORCYCLE PATROL**

The Motorcycle Patrol Unit is a collateral assignment based in the Patrol Division. Sergeant Bill Melloch coordinates this unit which includes Deputy Jason Rowland. In October of 2018 Deputies Alex Torres and Brody Fiedler successfully passed Motor Officer School and are anxiously awaiting spring so they are able to ride. The unit spent 25 hours on patrol in 2018 resulting in 57 contacts of which 36 citations and 6 written warnings were issued. The Motorcycle Patrol Unit also conducted 7 escorts through the county. The Motorcycle Patrol Unit operates 2015 Harley Davidson Police FLHTPI Electra Glide motorcycle.



*Deputy Jason Rowland assisting at the Torch Run for Special Olympics June 2018*

### **TOWNSHIP LIAISON PROGRAM**

The Sheriff's Office continues to assign a deputy sheriff as a liaison between our office and the townships we serve. This deputy regularly attends town meetings and serves as a direct point of contact for things such as township issues or concerns/complaints. The Town Liaisons are assigned to those townships where the Sheriff's Office has sole jurisdiction and enforcement responsibilities. This program has proven to be very successful in resolving issues firsthand and sharing information. Following are the township liaisons:

<i>Town of LaGrange</i>	<i>Sergeant Troy Anhalt</i>
<i>Town of Troy</i>	<i>Sergeant Troy Anhalt</i>
<i>Town of Spring Prairie</i>	<i>Deputy Jeff Shaw</i>
<i>Town of Richmond</i>	<i>Deputy Jason Hintz</i>
<i>Town of Whitewater</i>	<i>Sergeant Ira Martin</i>
<i>Town of Sugar Creek</i>	<i>Deputy Cory Newmann</i>
<i>Town of Sharon</i>	<i>Sergeant Ken Brand</i>
<i>Town of Walworth</i>	<i>Deputy Josh Staggs</i>
<i>Town of Darien</i>	<i>Sergeant Ken Brand</i>
<i>Town of Lyons</i>	<i>Sergeant Bill Melloch</i>
<i>Town of Lafayette</i>	<i>Sergeant Alan Gorecki</i>

## **MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL UNIT**

The Patrol Division Commander administers the mountain bike patrol unit which is coordinated by Sergeant Alan Gorecki. This unit consists of sheriff's deputies who volunteer to participate in this program. The unit patrols special events and locations such as the Walworth County Fair, White River Trail, and John Muir Trails in the Kettle Moraine. The bike unit members assigned to the patrol division are encouraged to take the bikes on patrol as the unit has bike racks that mount to the squad cars and all needed equipment to be with them. While on patrol as time permits, they are encouraged to take time and ride subdivisions and interact with the citizens and children in the community.

The bike patrol program is based on community policing, and puts deputies in direct contact with the public by making them more accessible and approachable. The public can walk up to deputies without the barrier of the squad car. It also gives the public something in common with the deputies, as the majority of the public own a bike and ride. Each deputy assigned to the unit must attend and pass the International Police Mountain Bike Association strenuous course, including written and practical tests, prior to operating one of the sheriff's bikes. The unit utilizes specialty built bikes from TREK for use on patrol. During 2018 between May and October the bike patrol unit had seven deployments ranging from patrolling county subdivisions, operating at the Walworth County Fair to assisting Lake Geneva police and Whitewater police for special events. Bike patrol this year had lower numbers due to weather cancelations like those experienced at the Walworth County Fair.

## **K-9 UNIT**

The K-9 unit program is coordinated by Sergeant Ken Brand and administered by Captain David Gerber. This is the first full year of service for Deputy Josh Adams and his partner Klaas. The team has gained a lot of knowledge and trust in each other in this past year, as reflected in the calls for service and drug finds.

An advantage the Sheriff's Office has over other programs in the state is that we select and train our own K-9s and handlers. This is only due to lead handler and

trainer Deputy Bob Wierenga, who has over 25 years of experience and knowledge in working K-9s. He is often sought out as an advisor to other departments implementing, selecting, and training K-9s and handlers.

Deputy Wierenga and Arjan, as well as Deputy Adams and Klaas, regularly train on obedience work, apprehension work, narcotic work, tracking, and case law. Both deputies and their K-9 partners are certified for narcotics detection and apprehension through K-9 Services in Green Bay. Twice a year they return to Green Bay for certification in patrol work. The training is ongoing with a daily routine to keep the dogs fit and handler skills sharp. Additionally, both teams attend the annual Wisconsin K-9 Handlers Association conference to remain current in tactics and case law.



*K-9 Klaas and Deputy Adams along with Deputies Jesse Smith and Joe Vynanek tracking an armed robbery suspect*

A continued element to the training program has been the implementation of K-9 decoys. Deputies Matt Weber, Jason Rowland, and Wayne Blanchard serve in this capacity. They attended specialized training hosted in house by our handlers regarding K-9 operations, apprehension, and tracking. They also learned how to properly “catch” a dog when taking a bite. This is very important, as a dog biting a sleeve could break a tooth, or otherwise injure themselves if a proper target is not presented. Their hard work and dedication was demonstrated in August during National Night Out.

<i>K-9 Unit</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Building searches</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>33</i>
<i>Area searches</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Tracking</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>K-9 presence for control</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Apprehensions</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Vehicle drug searches</i>	<i>903</i>	<i>699</i>	<i>1,607</i>
<i>School drug searches</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>56</i>
<i>Residential drug searches</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Jail searches</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Demonstrations</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Assist other counties</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>School locker searches</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3,720</i>



*K-9 Klaas posing while Deputy Weber completes reports at the Lyons Substation*

## **FUGITIVE TASK FORCE**

The Fugitive Task Force (FTF) is a group of specially trained and selected members of the Patrol Division. The FTF is coordinated by Sergeant Bill Melloch and administered by Captain Gerber. Task force members include Deputies Cody Schwartz, Jesse Smith, Jacob Skibba, and Kevin Warnecke. These deputies work all leads in pursuit of fugitives who have outstanding warrants with Walworth County. They also work closely with the U.S. Marshall's Offices in Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago as well as other cooperating federal and local agencies to apprehend fugitives. The FTF is

diligent in their efforts to make sure wanted fugitives are brought to justice.

<i>Fugitive Task Force</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>Misdemeanor warrant attempts</i>	216	217	237	163	176
<i>Felony warrant attempts</i>	92	101	91	63	68
<i>Misdemeanor warrant arrests</i>	103	87	124	92	90
<i>Felony warrant arrests</i>	47	44	48	34	23

### **WALWORTH COUNTY GANG ENFORCEMENT UNIT (GEU)**

The Walworth County Gang Unit is comprised of correctional officers and patrol deputies from the Sheriff's Office, along with police officers from multiple departments throughout Walworth County. Also in the GEU are liaisons from the Walworth County District Attorney's Office, the State Department of Corrections (Probation and Parole Division), and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). These individuals meet monthly to share patterns of criminal behavior, officer safety information and other gang related intelligence. Captain Dave Gerber, Sergeant Al Gorecki, Deputy Sam Barrett and Correctional Officer Eric Pelky represent the Sheriff's Office in the GEU through October of 2018. In October of 2018 the Gang Unit was transferred to the Investigation Division and directly supervised by Sergeant Illingworth for the remainder of 2018. Captain Hall served as the Gang Unit administrator for that same time.

In 2018, the GEU identified new criminal gang members or associates. Correctional officers utilize booking photographs, conversations with inmates and random checks for contraband to combat and prevent further gang related incidents within our facility. Gang members and associates involved could be citizens of Walworth County, inmates in the Walworth County Jail that live in other areas, or individuals stopped while traveling through Walworth County.

The GEU is affiliated with the Midwest Gang Investigators Association (MGIA), which shares gang trends, statistics and training for law enforcement officers in the Midwest United States. Representatives from the GEU attend yearly ongoing training with the MGIA. The GEU is also a member of the Regional Gang Identification Database (RGID), which is a law enforcement criminal gang database that is based out of Cook County Illinois and is utilized throughout the Midwest area. Correctional Officer Pelky is currently a Wisconsin administrator for RGID.



## WHITEWATER LAKE BOAT PATROL

The Sheriff's Office continues to work with the Whitewater Town Board to provide contracted law enforcement boat patrol services on Whitewater and Rice Lakes. In 2018 the Sheriff staffed two part time deputies for water patrol duties. The program is partially funded by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Part-time Deputy Sheriff Sean Blanton manages the program for Captain Gerber. Deputy Blanton also offered an annual boater safety class at the town hall for the start of the 2018 boating season. During the 2018 boating season deputies patrolled 357 hours, issued 7 citations, 135 warnings, completed 130 safety inspections, 1 search and rescue mission, 15 boater assists, and responded to 35 calls for assistance on Whitewater Lake. Deputy Blanton feels that greater education and compliance over the years has decreased the number of boating citations being issued. Part-time deputies who patrolled Whitewater and Rice lakes in 2017 include Sean Blanton, Blake Stewart, Sheriff Picknell, Undersheriff Williams and Captain Gerber.



*Deputies Blake Stewart and Sean Blanton patrol Whitewater Lake*

## **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY UNIT**

The current number of registered sexual offenders in Walworth County varies on a monthly basis but averages around 290. In the month of October alone, 123 compliance checks were conducted on every sexual offender that was on active supervision at the time by the Department of Corrections-Probation and Parole. Sergeant Ira Martin coordinated this effort, working with Probation and Parole, municipal police agencies and the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division. This was a focused effort as part of the Halloween trick-or-treating that occurred throughout the county. Sergeant Martin is working to establish a group of specialized deputies that will perform compliance checks on random and sporadic occurrences throughout the county on all registered sexual offenders throughout the year. This group will also respond to citizen complaints and concerns of possible or suspected violations.

## **CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM**

The Crime Prevention efforts are conducted by Deputies Dan Nelson and Rahn Smith. This is an additional duty above their primary duties. Captain Gerber administers the program and works closely with Deputies Nelson and Smith throughout the year.

In 2018 the Crime Prevention Unit promoted the latest technology in Crime Fighting, P3 Tips by Anderson Software and Global Intel Tip Software. In 2018 citizens of Walworth County responded by submitting 276 tips. This is compared to 64 tips that were submitted in 2017. The Crime Prevention Program, in partnership with the Walworth County Crime Stopper Program, made the switch to P3 Tips due to its proven effectiveness and easy to use App. "P3" stands for "Public, Police, Private Sector – Working Together to Solve and Prevent Crime". The 276 tips provided helpful information for local law enforcement and led to hundreds of dollars in reward payouts to the anonymous tipsters who used the program.

To find out more about the P3 Tips Program, or to provide information that you feel could help law enforcement solve current or past crimes, go to [www.p3tips.com](http://www.p3tips.com). Information on this website will also give instruction on how to download the P3 Tips App on your phone, tablet or electronic devices. A breakdown of some of the tips that were provided are as follows:

<b><i>Walworth County Crime Stoppers “Quick 50” Tip Summary Report 1/1/18 – 12/31/18</i></b>		<b><i>Number</i></b>
<i>Quick 50 – Underage drinking / alcohol</i>		<i>13</i>
<i>Quick 50 – Underage possession tobacco</i>		<i>29</i>
<i>Quick 50 – Vandalism / graffiti</i>		<i>4</i>
<i>Quick 50 – Weapons at school</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Quick 50 – Drugs at school</i>		<i>9</i>
<i>Quick 50 – Family concerns</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Quick 50 – Theft</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>Quick 50 – Other</i>		<i>7</i>
	<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>65</i></b>

In addition to the P3 Tips App and the P3 Tips email method of submitting tips, citizens can still submit tips by calling the Walworth County Crime Stopper Hot Line at 262-723-2677. All means of submitting tips allow the tipster to remain anonymous and make them eligible for a cash reward. Remember, “If You See Something, Say Something”!

Encouraging people to report crimes and suspicious activity is just one of the many roles that Crime Prevention Deputies Dan Nelson and Rahn Smith promote throughout the year. These deputies are also members of the Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association (WCPPA). This allows the Sheriff’s Office to have a voice at the state level and help initiate new and innovative crime prevention methods to bring back to the community. This information is shared to the community through a variety of talks and presentations. The Crime Prevention Unit conducts presentations on topics such as identity theft, senior safety, robbery prevention, drugs, and traffic safety concerns. For more information, or to schedule a presentation, contact the Sheriff’s Office by phone or visit our website at [www.co.walworth.wi.us](http://www.co.walworth.wi.us).

In 2018 the “Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event” (CRASE) presentation was once again one of the most requested presentation by businesses and organizations. The Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT)<sup>TM</sup> Program at Texas State University created this training and focuses on the “Avoid-Deny-Defend” concept. The concept is similar to the “Run-Hide-Fight” that most of us grew up with, but the CRASE presentation stresses the importance of knowing your surroundings and being prepared wherever you are. Deputies Nelson and Smith are certified CRASE trainers and have presented to

many local businesses and organization as well as to other county agencies and their employees. A link to the main video used in the CRASE training can be found on the department website under the “Crime Prevention” section.

The Walworth County Crime Prevention Unit continues to work with other agencies, programs and departments in Walworth County, such as The Tree House, Association for the Prevention of Family Violence (APFV) and Walworth County Health and Human Services. In February of 2018, Deputy Nelson and Nicole Heinrich, Behavioral Health Manager at Walworth County Health and Human Services, performed a mobile prescription drug take back. They visited area assisted living facilities throughout Walworth County. The visits were advertised with the hopes that residents of these facilities would turn in unused or unwanted prescription medications at this time. The response for this event was well received and proven to be much needed as over fifty pounds of pills were collected in one day. Those pills were kept secure and disposed of as part of the Wisconsin’s biannual Drug Take Back Day that occurred in April of 2018. Due to the success of this event, more of these type of events will be taking place in 2019.

The Crime Prevention Unit again took on the lead in coordinating Walworth County’s National Night Out. This was the third year National Night Out was a countywide event and it continues to grow. The Crime Prevention Unit teamed up with Crime Stoppers, all the police departments in Walworth County and the Walworth County Alliance for Children. This event had an estimate of over 2,000 people attending the community-building campaign. National Night Out promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out is a great opportunity for the community to come out and meet your public service workers. 2018 featured a 5K Run and Fun Walk that raised money for the Walworth County Crime Stopper Program. National Night Out is a totally free to attend, thanks to the many local businesses and organizations that help sponsor this event. The Crime Prevention Unit invites you to attend the 2019 National Night Out that will take place on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds.

Traffic Safety is also a concern for the Crime Prevention Unit. Deputy Nelson is certified as a child safety seat technician through Safe Kids USA. He is available to check or install child safety seats by appointments that can be arranged by emailing him at [dnelson@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:dnelson@co.walworth.wi.us). Having a car seat installed by a certified technician is important as statistics show that 80% of child car seats are installed incorrectly. A properly installed car seat can help prevent injuries or even death. The Crime Prevention Unit once again worked with area high schools in their continuous effort to make their students safer drivers by participating in Operation Click Program. The purpose of Operation Click is to help new drivers

develop safe driving habits. Students who follow the rules and meet the requirements of the program are eligible to win a car. In 2018, East Troy High School student Brianna Schubert was rewarded by winning the car donated by Toyota of Brookfield. This was the seventh year of Operation Click in Walworth County and the seventh car given away to a safe driving student.



*Deputy Dan Nelson (left), Officer Hackett (Village of East Troy PD), Sheriff Picknell and Captain Gerber with the Operation Click grand prize winner Brianna Schubert from East Troy High School*

With plans to retire, 2018 will be the last year Deputy Rahn Smith will serve as a Crime Prevention Specialist for the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Smith is well known throughout the community and has presented countless presentations on crime prevention. He has served as a DARE officer for the department and could be found every year at the Walworth County Fair answering questions, handing out items and giving helpful advice in the sheriff's tent. The Sheriff's Office would like to thank Deputy Smith for his dedication and passion for Crime Prevention and his service to the community for all these years.

For more information, to contact our Crime Prevention specialist, and to check out updated crime tips and information, please visit the Crime Prevention section of the department website.

### **HUMANE DEPUTY PROGRAM**

Deputy Gerardo Baca was selected as the Sheriff's Office's new Humane Officer in 2018 following the transfer of Deputy Jennifer Schmidt to Court Security. We

would like to thank Deputy Schmidt for her years of dedicated service to this important collateral duty.

Deputy Baca completed formal Humane Officer training in September 2018 and is certified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. This specialized training focused on the investigation of animal neglect and mistreatment, and the administration of S.S. 95.21 “Rabies Control Program.”

The Humane Officer reviews and conducts compliance checks on all animal bite cases reported to the Sheriff’s Office, ensuring Rabies Control Program requirements for vaccination, veterinarian checks, and quarantine are met. The Humane Officer investigates and/or conducts follow-up on animal neglect and mistreatment cases and further serves as a resource to provide guidance at any given day or time to other deputies assigned to these types of cases. The Humane Officer also provides statutory and investigatory guidance regarding animal cases to surrounding agencies.

The Sheriff’s Office received 232 animal related complaints in 2018. Of those, 52 were animal bite complaints, 45 were neglect complaints, 24 were injured animals complaints, and 111 were miscellaneous animal calls. The Humane Officer investigated 5 substantiated animal neglect complaints. One animal neglect case was referred to the District Attorney’s Office for charges. The remainder of the cases were closed after the owners surrendered the animals to organizations, put the animals down, or the owners became compliant with the law. The Humane Officer issued one citation for a violation related to the Rabies Control Program.

### **HONOR GUARD UNIT**

The Honor Guard unit is led by Commander Sergeant Ken Brand, and members include Captain Dave Gerber, Sergeant Josh Staggs, and Sergeant Troy Anhalt. The Honor Guard is called upon to serve as pallbearers, casket attendees, and lead vehicle in funeral processions of current and retired law enforcement officers from all over the state of Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. In 2018 an annual ceremony was held at the Walworth Cemetery by Sheriff Picknell which included the Honor Guard. This was a wreath laying and remembrance ceremony attended by the family of Patrick Bolton at his gravesite. This took place during National Police Week in May and was done to honor the memory of Patrick Bolton who died in the

line of duty as a Walworth County Deputy Sheriff on August 26, 1966. The Sheriff's Office Honor Guard participated in 18 details in 2018.



*Deputy Patrick Bolton's grave*

## **SPECIAL OPERATIONS**

- **Dive Team**
- **SWAT Team**

### **DIVE TEAM**

The Dive Team is comprised of Commander Sergeant Joshua Staggs, Assistant Commander Captain Jamie Green, four divers and two support staff. The Dive Team was established in 1986, which was and still is, the only law enforcement public safety dive team in Walworth County. It is one of the Sheriff's duties outlined in State Statute 59.27(11) to conduct operations within the county in waters of which the county has jurisdiction for the rescue of human beings and for the recovery of human bodies. The team is also tasked with the responsibility to respond to incidents in the twenty-nine major lakes, countless miles of flowing waterways, and an endless and ever-increasing number of natural and man-made ponds located within Walworth County.

The team maintains a high level of competency by conducting monthly and advanced training throughout the year. Additionally members of the patrol division are trained on an annual basis in the area of first response to water and ice emergencies. Each patrol squad is equipped with a personal flotation device, rope throw bag, rescue sling, and a cold water rescue suit. All of the unmarked squad cars are equipped with a rope bag and cold water rescue suit. This training and equipment allows for responding deputies to safely aid victims involved in water related emergencies.



*Dive Team training*

There is a continued and deliberate effort to strengthen relationships with our neighboring counties, as well as local EMS and fire departments. In 2017, a

countywide Dive Team was formed, comprised of not only law enforcement but also EMS and fire departments. Officially the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 103 Water Rescue and Recovery Team was created. As part of the MABAS Division 103 Team the goal for the Sheriff's Office Dive Team is to raise the level of service being provided by maintaining a recognized public safety diving approach from the time of the initial call for service to the completion of the mission. In 2018 this commitment to partnering with local and regional dive teams has proven to be a valuable investment in both a force multiplier and reduction of the duplication of equipment. There was an immediate and evident return on investment to this effort as demonstrated in the calls for service this year.

### **2018 Call Outs**

- May - The Sheriff's Office received a report of a 19-year-old male in distress who was attempting to retrieve a personal watercraft on Whitewater Lake. Prior to law enforcement arrival the subject had gone below the surface and was no longer visible. The Sheriff's Office along with members of the MABAS Division 103 Water Rescue and Recovery Team conducted a joint operation to locate and recover the victim that evening.
- June – The Sheriff's Office received a report of a 53-year-old male in distress on Lake Geneva near Big Foot Beach State Park. Prior to law enforcement arrival the subject had gone below the surface and was no longer visible. The Sheriff's Office along with members of the MABAS Division 103 Water Rescue and Recovery Team conducted a joint operation to locate and recover the victim within the first hour of the incident.
- June – The Sheriff's Office received a report of a 14-year-old male in distress on Peters Lake. Prior to law enforcement arrival the subject had gone below the surface and was no longer visible. The Sheriff's Office along with members of the MABAS Division 103 Water Rescue and Recovery Team conducted a joint operation to locate and recover the victim approximately 4 hours after the initial call for help.

Throughout 2018, members of the Dive Team responded to numerous water related emergencies. In the course of their normal duties, team members provided expertise to these calls for service, mitigated risk, and eliminated the need for the entire team to be called into service. When the risk or technical level rises to that which requires a full team call-out, the residents and guests of Walworth County are well served by the Dive Team's commitment to professionalism and excellence.

## **SWAT TEAM - SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS**

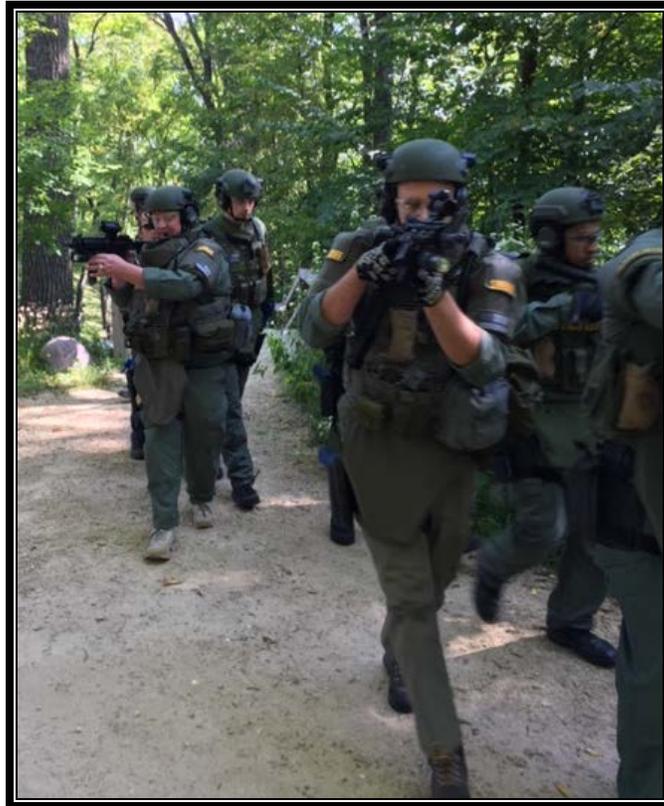
The Walworth County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team is comprised of deputies from the Sheriff's Office as well as officers from the City of Lake Geneva, Town of Geneva, Town of Delavan, Village of East Troy and Wisconsin State Patrol. There are also eight contracted members of the team that provide Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) to the Team.

Each team member is committed to constant improvement of knowledge, skills and abilities and to develop a higher level of proficiency in SWAT related aspects. They understand this is a voluntary position and they may be replaced at any time. Our goal is to safely resolve critical incidents where there is a threat to the safety of citizens, community and the general public. This is accomplished through professionalism and dedication by members of the team. Through this dedication to the citizens and officers of Walworth County, they also commit to one another to maintain a constant state of readiness and discipline in order to respond to and resolve high risk situations.



*SWAT training*

In 2018, the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) annual national operations conference was held in Milwaukee. Since the conference was so close geographically, we were able to send 13 team members to the training. The Village of East Troy also sent their officer who is assigned to our team, for a total of 14 members attending. At the conference, team members received training from nationally recognized instructors in tactical related skill sets and techniques. This was a rare opportunity to have the availability of this level of instruction so close.



*SWAT training*

At the end of 2018, Captain Jamie Green retired from the team as commander. Sergeant Brian Panfil has been named the new commander of the SWAT Team. He selected Sergeant Dan Derrick from Lake Geneva Police Department as his assistant commander.

### **2018 Call-outs**

- February - The team assisted the Sheriff's Office drug unit with serving a search warrant at a residence in the county. The subject of the warrant was not home, and the service of the warrant went off with nothing remarkable occurring.
- April - The team assisted the Village of Genoa City Police Department with service of a search warrant for an armed robbery that occurred in the village. The suspect was observed by someone who knew him and reported him to the police. The warrant was served, and there were a considerable amount of people in the residence, which required additional resources.

## OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN

### Family

What would we do without family? It is through family that many seeds are planted within us. The seeds of love, compassion, understanding, respect and many others. Our other family is our law enforcement family. We all come from different walks of life forming one family. Each and every one is considered special as we try our very best to fulfill those responsibilities serving the communities of Walworth County.

Let us remember all who have faithfully served our law enforcement family for many, many years. Those who are retired and for all who have passed away to their eternal reward. Thank you for your dedication and sacrifices. As your Chaplain, I would like to say keep up your good work as you serve and protect the communities of Walworth County.

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon DeSales Wisniewski, OFM

**Walworth County Sheriff's Office Personnel  
December 31, 2018**

<b>EXECUTIVE SUPPORT</b>		<u>Starting Date</u>
Kurt Picknell	Sheriff	09/91
Kevin Williams	Undersheriff	07/90
Amanda Lagle	Business Office Manager	05/12
Wendy Werner	Administrative Assistant	01/03
Karen Witt	Admin Clerk III	01/08

**SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION**

Scott McClory	Captain	10/91
<b>Central Records:</b>		
Vicki Runnells	Law Enf. Records Supervisor	09/94
Sabrina Hansen	Admin Clerk III	12/08
Danyel Hayes	Admin Clerk II	01/00
Erica Knauer	Admin Clerk III	10/17
Kristy Laue	Law Enf. Records Lead Worker	10/95
Judi Meller	Admin Clerk II	11/13
Kathy Menne	Admin Clerk II	12/89
Richard Noel	Network Engineer	04/13
Marnie Romanowich	Admin Clerk II	03/15
Jennifer Woodrich	Admin Clerk III	10/14

**Court Security:**

Brian Panfil	Sergeant	04/99
Kirk Dodge	School Liaison Deputy	07/97
Tim Kuchta	Court Security Officer	05/08
Jennifer Schmidt	Court Security Officer	02/09
Mike Troemel	Court Security Officer	02/97
Kevin Warnecke	Court Security Officer	12/96
Richard Lagle	Court Officer	05/09

**Process Division:**

Brian Kilpin	Process Specialist	01/95
Bill Mortlock	Process Specialist	07/90
Rahn Smith	Process Specialist	06/90

**Training and Planning:**

Lieutenant Todd Neumann	Training and Planning Lieutenant	02/02
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**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

Jamie Green	Captain	03/00
<b>Dispatch:</b>		
Tracy Hillenbrand	Communications Supervisor	05/02
Cheri Krueger	Communications Supervisor	03/12
Ashley Burden	Communications Officer	07/18

Susan Church	Communications Officer	05/90
Carrie Fox	Communications Officer	12/15
Penny Haskins	Communications Officer	11/03
Annie Hotchkiss	Communications Officer	01/09
Paul Jacobs	Communications Officer	05/14
Margaret Kilpin	Communications Officer	12/95
Mandi Kolb	Communications Officer	10/98
Nichole Lipka-Bares	Communications Officer	12/18
Penny Rasmussen	Communications Officer	03/87
Erin Such	Communications Officer	10/01
Tricia Windler	Communications Officer	11/16

**Emergency Management:**

Lieutenant John Ennis	Emergency Management Director	11/85
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**CORRECTIONS DIVISION**

John Delaney	Jail Administrator	05/00
Howard Sawyers	Jail Superintendent	01/95
Steven Sax	Jail Superintendent	07/97
Kathy Loveless	Admin Clerk II	02/93
Martine Gauger	Admin Clerk III	09/98

**Correctional:**

Stacey Butke	Sergeant	09/95
Wayne Butke	Sergeant	04/95
Charles Carlson	Sergeant	12/97
Richard Craig	Sergeant	05/97
Michele DeLaPaz	Sergeant	10/14
Robert Duffey	Sergeant	12/07
Roger Herold	Sergeant	10/97
Dennis Kellen	Sergeant	10/97
William Mann	Sergeant	03/03
Gregory Sawtelle	Sergeant	03/85
Joshua Smith	Sergeant	05/05
Christopher Bannigan	Correctional Officer	06/98
Jennifer Bannigan	Correctional Officer	10/99
Duncan Bardecki	Correctional Officer	03/17
Ryan Behncke	Correctional Officer	07/08
Rachel Beil	Correctional Officer	12/16
Randy Billington	Correctional Officer	11/97
Adam Carlson	Correctional Officer	12/97
Corina Chambers	Correctional Officer	05/15
Nicholas Crouch	Correctional Officer	04/17
Daniel Dailey	Correctional Officer	12/04
Teressa Dailey	Correctional Officer	11/00
Esequiel DeLaPortilla	Correctional Officer	02/17
Jessica Dunham	Correctional Officer	09/18

Kristine Ellis	Correctional Officer	06/00
Charlene Elofson	Correctional Officer	11/94
Charles Englert	Correctional Officer	02/98
Patrick Glover	Correctional Officer	12/04
Diane Goodman	Correctional Officer	12/99
Duane Hainstock	Correctional Officer	03/03
William Hamlin	Correctional Officer	06/18
Lawrence Hartwell	Correctional Officer	09/96
James Henriott	Correctional Officer	11/92
Naomi Hollibush	Correctional Officer	08/16
Peggy Horsthemke	Correctional Officer	07/02
Ashley Janes	Correctional Officer	08/18
Crystal Jazdzewski	Correctional Officer	08/18
Bryan Johnston	Correctional Officer	09/00
Beverly Junk	Correctional Officer	01/94
Rachel Justus	Correctional Officer	10/15
John Keist III	Correctional Officer	07/02
Isha Kinard	Correctional Officer	06/96
Marissa King-Zimmerman	Correctional Officer	08/18
Karla Klei	Correctional Officer	03/18
Kevin Knaus	Correctional Officer	06/06
Jennifer Kubesheski	Correctional Officer	08/00
Ruth La Loggia	Correctional Officer	08/03
Benjamin Lentz	Correctional Officer	06/04
Kim Ludtke	Correctional Officer	09/06
Heather Martin	Correctional Officer	08/00
Jason Maxwell	Correctional Officer	01/15
Jarett McArdle	Correctional Officer	04/17
Cory McGuire	Correctional Officer	04/99
Shanon McIntire	Correctional Officer	08/18
Anna Metke	Correctional Officer	02/16
Kasey Meyer	Correctional Officer	09/15
Roger Millard	Correctional Officer	05/97
Kerrie Molter	Correctional Officer	03/99
Corey Nevin	Correctional Officer	09/15
Kurt Niemetscheck	Correctional Officer	02/98
Michael Ninkovic	Correctional Officer	04/18
Erik Olsen	Correctional Officer	02/16
Patrick Palmer	Correctional Officer	12/07
Michael Phelps	Correctional Officer	11/01
Wesley Phillips Jr.	Correctional Officer	03/96
Tracey Powers	Correctional Officer	06/97
Joe Quiles	Correctional Officer	09/15
Cleo Renner	Correctional Officer	12/02
Mario Riley Sr.	Correctional Officer	04/99
Joel Sampson	Correctional Officer	04/02
Melissa Sampson	Correctional Officer	10/02

Angela Santana	Correctional Officer	05/15
Gerald Schmidt	Correctional Officer	04/99
Amy Sharlow	Correctional Officer	02/00
Mary Shaw	Correctional Officer	04/18
Michelle Small	Correctional Officer	12/01
Peter Stanizewski	Correctional Officer	10/17
Randy Swatek	Correctional Officer	07/86
Kurt Timmerman	Correctional Officer	08/09
Nathaniel Upham	Correctional Officer	05/15
Theodore Weglarz	Correctional Officer	03/99
Douglas Welch	Correctional Officer	03/98
Kristine Widish	Correctional Officer	08/18
Nicole Ziino	Correctional Officer	08/98

### INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Robert Hall	Captain	05/96
<b>Detective Bureau:</b>		
Michael Banaszynski	Detective	08/83
Robert Craig	Detective	07/98
Craig Konopski	Detective	08/01
Mike Krahn	Detective	01/07
Michael Lambert	Detective	10/02
Juan Ortiz	Deputy	05/12
Troy Pagenkopf	Detective	02/01
Jeff Recknagel	Detective	05/05
Robert Schiltz	Detective	05/98
<b>Drug Unit:</b>		
Shannan Illingworth	Sergeant	08/99
Lori Reynolds	Admin Clerk III	11/89
Sam Barrett	Deputy	01/15
Jeremy Renz	Deputy	10/13
Edgar Resendez	Deputy	09/12
Dan Winger	Deputy	04/00

### PATROL DIVISION:

David Gerber	Captain	05/97
Troy Anhalt	Sergeant	10/91
Kenneth Brand	Sergeant	06/97
Alan Gorecki	Sergeant	02/97
Ira Martin	Sergeant	11/00
William Melloch	Sergeant	07/95
Joshua Staggs	Sergeant	12/02
Josh Adams	Deputy	02/09
Gerardo Baca	Deputy	01/17
Brandon Beecroft	Deputy	03/02
Wayne Blanchard	Deputy	08/01

Kenneth Brauer	Deputy	08/01
John Czerwinski	Deputy	02/99
Brody Fiedler	Deputy	02/15
Garth Frami	Deputy	04/08
Jason Hintz	Deputy	01/98
Richard Johnson	Deputy	02/08
Peter Krueger	Deputy	11/17
Michael Lauderdale	Deputy	11/13
Daniel Long	Deputy	07/01
Matthew Ludowise	Deputy	01/17
Dan Nelson	Deputy	06/01
Cory Newmann	Deputy	05/05
Dan Nichols	Deputy	05/08
Ben Nitsch	Deputy	01/17
Jason Pajewski	Deputy	05/15
Richard Paquin	Deputy	04/93
Jason Rowland	Deputy	05/06
Timothy Rumer	Deputy	09/02
Brennon Ruosch	Deputy	05/16
Timothy Ruszkiewicz	Deputy	09/95
Cody Schwartz	Deputy	03/13
Jeff Shaw	Deputy	04/01
Daniel Simonsen	Deputy	08/18
Jacob Skibba	Deputy	11/10
Jesse Smith	Deputy	01/15
Scott Smith	Deputy	04/97
Brenton Stettner	Deputy	08/18
Blake Stewart	Deputy	08/18
Jocelyn Strand	Deputy	08/18
Chris Such	Deputy	06/05
Brenda Thurin	Deputy	07/99
Alex Torres	Deputy	04/03
Neil Trombley	Deputy	09/02
Matthew Turner	Deputy	01/17
Matthew Weber	Deputy	11/10
Robert Wierenga	Deputy	06/78
Peter Wisnefsky	Deputy	02/16
Nicholas Yohanek	Deputy	05/12
Arjan (Dep. Wierenga handler)	K-9 Dog	12/11
Klaas (Dep. Adams handler)	K-9 Dog	03/17

**Department Chaplains:**

Brother DeSales Wisniewski  
 Father Gaudreault Lucien

# **2018 Sheriff's Office Employee Awards**

**Sheriff Picknell and the Employee Awards Committee are proud to announce the following award recipients:**

## **Meritorious Service Medal**

Communications Officer Peggi Kilpin

## **Distinguished Service Award**

Detective Troy Pagenkopf and Mel Davis

## **Distinguished Service Award – Field Training Officers (Patrol, Communications & Corrections Divisions)**

Communications Division FTOs (Field Training Officers): Carrie Fox, Peggi Kilpin, Annie Hotchkiss, Penny Haskins, Paul Jacobs, Cheri Krueger, Tracy Hillenbrand

Patrol Division FTOs: Deputy Tim Rumer, Deputy Cory Newmann, Deputy Dan Nichols, Deputy Brody Fiedler, Deputy Jesse Smith, Deputy Jacob Skibba, Deputy Jason Rowland, Deputy Nick Yohanek, Deputy Matt Turner, Deputy Dan Long, Deputy Tim Kuchta, Deputy Cody Schwartz, Deputy Josh Adams, Sgt. Alan Gorecki, Sgt. Bill Melloch, Sgt. Troy Anhalt, Sgt. Ira Martin, Sgt. Josh Staggs

Corrections Division FTOs: Correctional Officers Amy Sharlow, Naomi Hollibush, Brian Kowalefski, Adam Carlson, Erik Olsen, Patrick Glover, Jennifer Bannigan, Randy Billington, Beverly Junk, Isha Kinard, Kevin Knaus, Jennifer Kubesheski, Patrick Palmer, Joel Sampson, Ryan Behncke, Rachel Beil, Zeke De La Portilla, Jarett McArdle, Anna Metke, Cory Nevin, Wes Phillips, Doug Welch, Jason Maxwell, Michele Small, Michele De La Paz, Kasey Meyer, Ruth La Loggia, Teressa Dailey, Sgt. Dennis Kellen, Sgt. Rick Craig, Sgt. Will Mann, Sgt. Chuck Carlson

## **Distinguished Service Unit Award**

Central Records Staff – Records Supervisor Vicki Runnells, Records Lead Worker Kristy Laue, Administrative Clerks Danyel Hayes, Sabrina Hansen, Judi Meller, Jennifer Woodrich, Marnie Romanowich, Erica Knauer, Kathy Menne, Kaitlin Guss

## **Distinguished Service Unit Award**

Communications Division Staff – Communications Supervisors Tracy Hillenbrand, Cheri Krueger, Carrie Fox, Communications Officers Mandi Kolb, Penny Haskins, Penny Rasmussen, Tricia Windler, Erin Such, Ashley Burden, Peggi Kilpin, Annie Hotchkiss, Paul Jacobs

## **Lifesaving Award**

Deputies Dan Nichols, Mike Lauderdale, Peter Wisnefsky, Jason Pajewski, Ben Nitsch, Mathew Ludowise  
Deputy Kirk Dodge, Communications Officers Tricia Windler, Paul Jacobs, Cheri Krueger, Carrie Fox

## **Public Service Award**

Robert Kienbaum

## **Certificates of Appreciation**

Tobie and Mallory Green

**Deputy of the Year** – Deputy Kirk Dodge

**Civilian of the Year** – Records Lead Worker Kristy Laue

**Correctional Officer of the Year** – Corrections Officer Jason Maxwell