

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2025**



**SHERIFF  
DAVE RIEWESTAHL**

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# SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

To: The People of Eau Claire County

It is an honor to serve as your Sheriff and to present our 2025 Annual Report for your review.

Our greatest asset is our employees. Every day, our Deputies, Correctional Officers, and Administrative Staff serve this community by responding in person to its needs—often during moments of crisis, uncertainty, and vulnerability. Their professionalism, compassion, and commitment form the foundation of public safety in Eau Claire County.

While technology and innovation can support our work, they cannot replace it. Public safety is inherently human. It requires judgment, presence, accountability, and trust—qualities that cannot be automated or replicated through artificial intelligence. When someone calls for help, it is our staff who arrive, assess the situation, take action, protect lives, and maintain order.

For this reason, staffing levels directly impact the services we are able to provide. Reductions in personnel do not simply change how we work; they reduce what we can do. Fewer staff means fewer services, longer response times, and limited capacity to meet the growing and evolving needs of our community. The expectation to “do more/the same with less” ultimately becomes a reality of doing less with less.

Our commitment remains clear: to serve this community with professionalism, integrity, and care. Sustaining that commitment requires continued investment in the people who make public safety possible. It is our staff who stand on the front lines every day—and they remain our most valuable resource.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in us.

*Dave Riewestahl*



# ***THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# OFFICE OF SHERIFF DUTIES

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

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

# ***CODE OF ETHICS***

## ***OFFICE OF SHERIFF***

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

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



# **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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

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

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



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



**John Folstad**  
**(Vice-Chairperson)**  
**District 20**



**Brett Geboy**  
**District 12**



**Allen Myren**  
**District 9**



**Loralee Clark**  
**District 27**



**Eric Huse**  
**Committee Clerk**

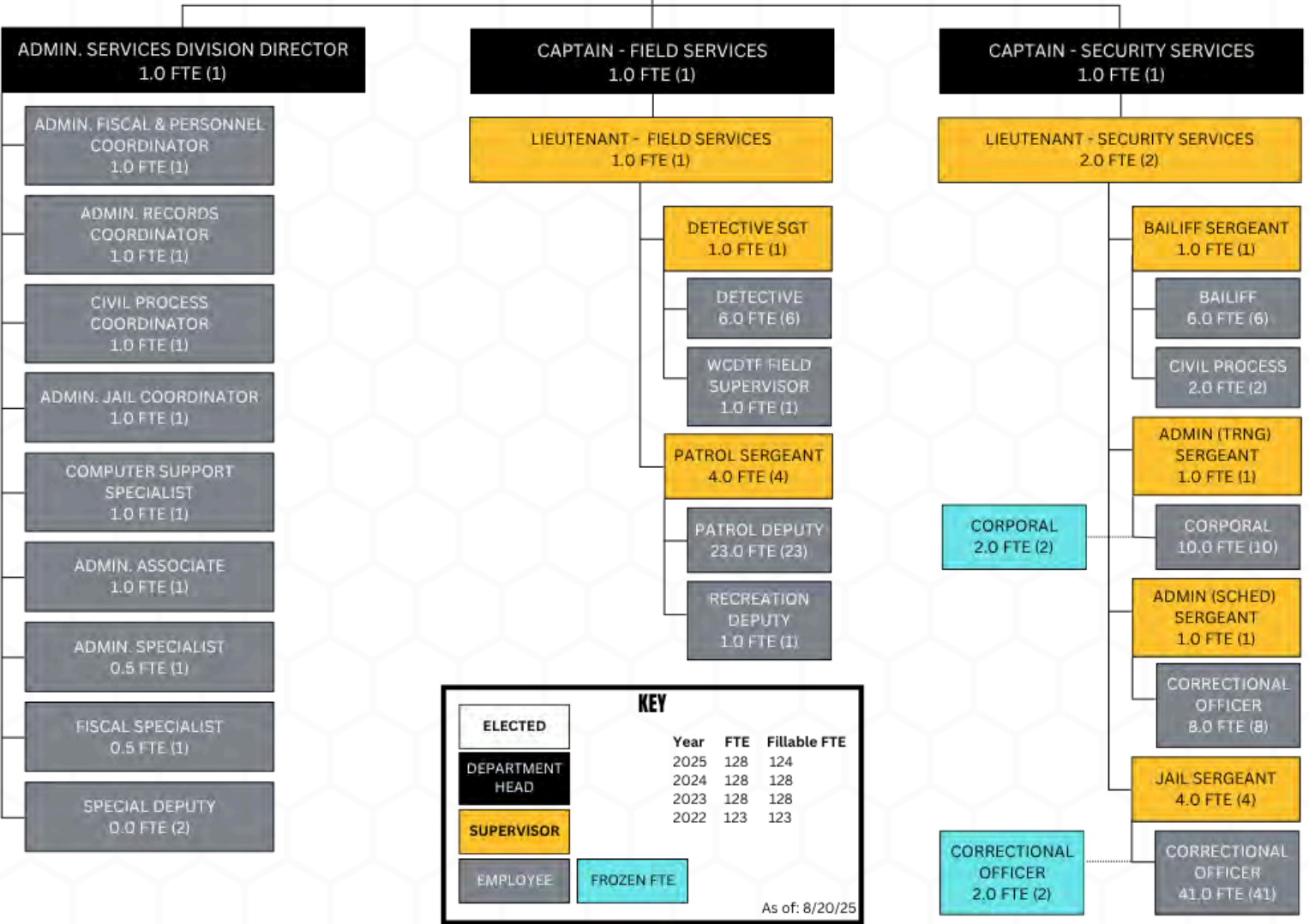


# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**2025**

**SHERIFF**  
1.0 FTE (1)



**KEY**

	Year	FTE	Fillable FTE
<b>ELECTED</b>	2025	128	124
<b>DEPARTMENT HEAD</b>	2024	128	128
<b>SUPERVISOR</b>	2023	128	128
<b>EMPLOYEE</b>	2022	123	123

**FROZEN FTE**

As of: 8/20/25



# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

**Katrina Ranallo**

## Administrative Services Division Director

Katrina grew up near Minneapolis, Minnesota, and discovered her passion for customer service and leadership early in her career. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Retail Merchandising and Management, with a minor in Business Administration, from the University of Wisconsin–Stout. Throughout college and her professional career, she has held multiple leadership roles, gaining experience in team management, organizational growth, and community service. A resident of Eau Claire County for 15 years, in her current role she focuses on enhancing efficiency, supporting staff development, and providing high-quality service to the community.



# FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

## Travis Holbrook Captain & Undersheriff

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



## Dustin Walters Lieutenant

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



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

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

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

# **CODE OF ETHICS**

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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



# SECURITY SERVICES DIVISION



**Chad Dachel**

**Captain & Jail Administrator**

Chad Dachel joined the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office in June 2021 as a Patrol Deputy. After graduating from Chippewa Valley Technical College in 2005 with a degree in Police Science, he immediately began his career with the Fall Creek Police Department. He served the Village of Fall Creek in various roles with the last 9 years as Chief of Police. Shortly after coming to the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, he transferred to the Security Service Division as a Court Service Officer. In September 2025, he was promoted to Captain/Jail Administrator overseeing daily operations of the Eau Claire County Jail as well as the Court Services Division.

**Chad Strasburg**

**Lieutenant & Assistant Jail Administrator**

Chad Strasburg has been a law enforcement officer for approximately 29 years, with the last 23 years as a member of the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office. He has a bachelor's degree in "Behavioral Science and Law" from UW-Madison. During his career, he has been a school liaison officer, a DARE instructor, a field training officer, a unified tactics instructor (firearms, DAAT, vehicle contacts, professional communications), a K9 handler, a rifle/handgun/shotgun armorer, and a bailiff. He is also an associate instructor for the National Criminal Justice Training Center. Prior to being promoted to his current position (October 2025) he was the Bailiff Sergeant supervising the Court Services Unit.



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

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

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

# ***CODE OF ETHICS***

## ***CORRECTIONAL OFFICER***

- **AS A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER**, my fundamental duty is to serve humanity; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality and justice.
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# YEAR IN REVIEW - 2025

## Retention & Recruitment of Staff

- As part of the 2025 budget, we had four correctional staff positions frozen (unfunded) which had a direct impact on the services the jail was able to provide, specifically Huber Center operations.
- Our office kept Human Resources busy on hiring and recruiting new employees. Interviews were held almost monthly for various positions. Our office hired seven Correctional Officers, six Patrol Deputies, and two administrative personnel.
- In additions to hiring, we also were able to promote staff in a number of areas:
  - Six Correctional Officers to Corporal.
  - One Corporal to Jail Sergeant.
  - One Bailiff Sergeant to Jail Lieutenant.
  - One Jail Lieutenant to Jail Captain.
  - One Jail Captain to Undersheriff.

## Eau Claire County Deflection Program

- The Deflection Program connects individuals struggling with substance use disorders or mental health disorders to treatment services, recovery support, mental health services, and community resources. This linkage to treatment or support services occurs prior to or at the beginning of criminal justice system. The ideal deflection candidate would be a low-level, non-violent offender suffering with a substance use disorder or mental health disorder. In Wisconsin there are seven types of Deflection Pathways.
- In 2025 we were again awarded state level Opioid funding from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. This was our third year of state level funding for this program. Below are the awarded amounts:
  - 23-24 Funding Year: \$350,000.00
  - 24-25 Funding Year: \$652,250.00
  - 25-26 Funding Year: \$630,755.00Total: \$ 1,633,005.00



# JAIL BOOKING REMODEL

## Project Overview

- Added 13 individual cells and 1 safety cell.

## Project Timeline

- **2024**

- This capital project was originally approved by the County Board in the 2024 budget, but the method of payment was not approved by the County Board.

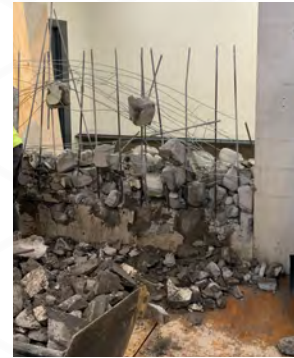
- **2025**

- As part of the 2025 budget a funding source for \$3 million dollars, was approved by the County Board. During the first few months of the year design plans were created and the project was sent out for bids.

- April: We held our first construction meeting with Venture Architects and Rocket Construction.

- June: Phase 1 started which was the modification and partial demolition of the current booking area.

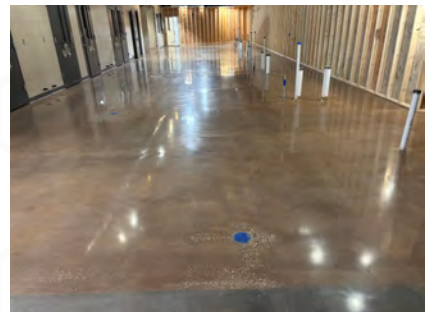
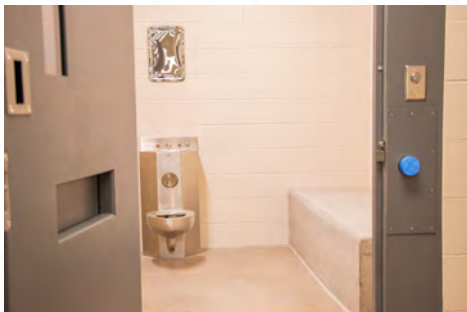
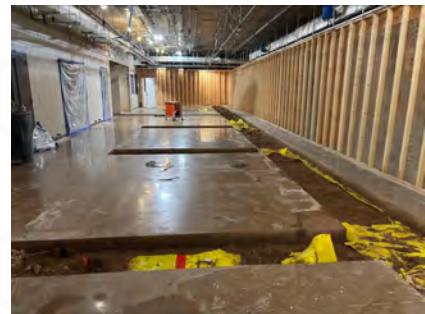
- July: Phase 2 started the construction portion of the remodel.



- **2026**

- January: Certificate of Occupancy from the City.

- February: Received the Approval for Occupancy from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Shortly after this was received, we start using those cells for new bookings.



# GRANTS & DONATIONS



## Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies

Continued collaboration between the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Eau Claire County Human Services, Criminal Justice Services, and the Eau Claire City-County Health Departments has led to the receipt of a \$630,755.00 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to fight the ongoing opioid crisis.

This grant allows Eau Claire County to continue our deflection program and now partner with community providers to do both induction and continuation of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for those incarcerated in the Eau Claire County Jail.

Eau Claire County recognized the urgent need for innovative strategies to address this crisis and this grant will support three key areas:

- Pre-arrest or pre-arraignment deflection program
  - The Eau Claire County Deflection Program (DP) is designed for multiple pathways of access. Peer support outreach.
    - DP is designed to assist county and city law enforcement departments to make a "warm handoff" deflection decision to link with appropriate services to prevent persons with OUD, other SUD and MH conditions from unnecessary arrest, criminal justice system involvement and/or incarceration.
- Treatment for people incarcerated with opioid use disorder
  - The MAT Program includes screening and assessing new bookings for opioid use disorder and overdose risk factors. We will also have certified peer specialists to support inmates.

# GRANTS & DONATIONS



## Drug Endangered Children Initiative (DECI)

The Eau Claire County Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Team is committed to providing the most current evidence-based training and resources available to investigate cases involving drug endangered children in our community. Our goal is to ensure children receive the services, resources and medical care they need for their well-being.

This year we received donations from local businesses and individuals to fund this program.

- Thank you, Market & Johnson Employee Impact Fund, for the grant to support this program.
- Thank you, Chippewa Valley Energy, for their very generous donation and a special thank you also goes out to Wagner's Lanes and The Complexx and Bikers Against Child Abuse International that made the volleyball event such a huge success.
- Thank you, Clear Water Kiwanis-Eau Claire, for the donation to support this program.



# GRANTS & DONATIONS



## The Sprit Lutheran Foundation (SLF) Community Grant

In 2025, the Sheriff's Office was awarded a generous Community Grant from the Spirit Lutheran Foundation.

This grant funding will allow our office to support the mental health and wellbeing of our employees by funding a mental health counseling visit for all ECSO employees in 2026 from a Licensed Professional Counselor in the Chippewa Valley.

# KIDS 'N' COPS



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

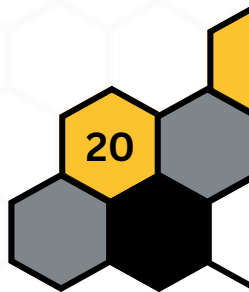


# ECSO PERFORMANCE STATS

## Response to Crime and Community Caretaking

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

OUTPUTS		2022	2023	2024	2025	
<b>Crime &amp; Community Activity</b>	Population served (Estimated)	106,837	108,807	110,871	112,246	
	Number of cases handled	7,466	7,425	7,258	6,780	
	Assists other LE agencies cases	787	727	764	717	
	Number of adult arrests	Total	952	884	831	688
		Male	74%	71%	71%	70%
		Female	26%	29%	29%	30%
	Percent of adult arrests "ordered in"	55%	55%	58%	51%	
	Juvenile arrests	87	71	79	54	
	Mental health calls	Total	101	231	287	277
		Chapter 51	31	56	40	25
	New warrants entered	1,121	929	977	681	
	Warrants canceled	1,159	919	726	676	
	Response times to services-Level 1	14:08	12:27	13:21	12:31	
	High risk situation (SWAT) responses	6	10	11	8	



# ***ECISO PERFORMANCE STATS***

## **Traffic Control & Enforcement**

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

<b>OUTPUTS</b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>
OWI Arrests	129	192	105	94
Traffic crashes	553	530	564	605
Traffic citations	3,581	2,664	2,672	2,586
Traffic warnings	901	547	754	608

# ECISO PERFORMANCE STATS

## Investigative Services

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

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

OUTPUTS		2022	2023	2024	2025	
General Investigative	Investigations assigned to Detectives	285	327	273	246	
	Investigations detectives cleared by arrest	43	33	46	41	
	Cases assigned to Forensic Lab	Total	87	124	107	104
		Cell Phones	140	155	155	152
West Central Drug Task Force	Cases opened for investigation	281	346	351	319	
	Number of search warrants executed by Task Force	35	35	37	22	
	Number of Juvenile Drug Related Charges	0	0	0	0	
	Number of Adult Drug Related Charges	227	293	300	311	
ECISO drug task force personnel will participate in at least 24 drug abuse prevention & education presentations during the year.		20	36	26	24	

# ECISO PERFORMANCE STATS

## Statutory Detention of Inmates - *Secure*

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

OUTPUTS		2022	2023	2024	2025	
Secure Detention	Number of Bookings	2,920	2,884	2,994	3,258	
	Length of Stay	0-24 Hours	34%	31%	35%	34%
		1-2 Days	14%	12%	13%	13%
		2-10 Days	24%	27%	25%	29%
		10-20 Days	5%	5%	5%	5%
		20+ Days	24%	24%	22%	20%
	Number of Unique Individuals (UI)	1,970	1,953	1,904	2,074	
	Sex of UI	Male	77%	76%	76%	74%
		Female	23%	24%	24%	26%
	Residence UI	EC County	64%	67%	66%	68%
		Other WI County	30%	27%	26%	24%
		Other States	5%	5%	6%	6%
		Unknown	1%	1%	2%	2%
	Housing Status UI	Fixed Address	88%	88%	88%	88%
		Unhoused	12%	12%	12%	12%

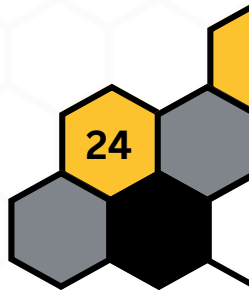


# ECSO PERFORMANCE STATS

## Statutory Detention of Inmates - *Secure (Continued)*

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OUTPUTS		2022	2023	2024	2025
Secure Detention	Average number of Secure jail bed days	62,050	66,065	65,514	67,890
	Average in house secure inmates	170	181	179	186
	Average secure daily population	190	214	210	220
	Average total jail population	205	229	220	230
	Number of inmates transported	523	531	592	569
	Number of transports	429	378	492	478
	Video court appearances (transport diverted)	90	77	88	50
	Family/Friends Video Visits	Total	3,150	4,100	2,414
Onsite		2,461	3,287	1,157	2,323
Offsite		689	813	1,257	9,688



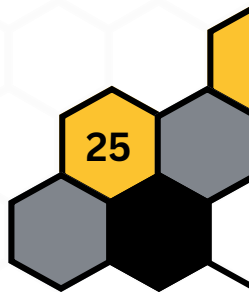
# ECSCO PERFORMANCE STATS

## Statutory Detention of Inmates - Huber

**Huber:** The Huber Center houses inmates who have been sentenced for less than one year and participation is authorized by the judge. Huber release is a privilege that has been designed to assist those individuals that are employed to retain their jobs or to assist in childcare or family care, school, and/or treatment while serving a jail sentence.

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

OUTPUTS		2022	2023	2024	2025	
Huber	Average Huber daily population	0	0	0	0	
	Bed days provided based on the Huber ADP	0	0	0	0	
EM	Average EM daily population	Total	15	15	11	9
		Male	12	13	9	7
		Female	3	2	2	2



# ***ECSO PERFORMANCE STATS***

## **Circuit Court & Courthouse Security & FP/DNA Room**

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

<b>OUTPUTS</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Incidents requiring Deputy intervention in the courthouse		470	593	659	647
Warrants served in courthouse		338	294	359	321
Courthouse (2nd floor) security	# of people	52,568	61,149	61,561	60,151
	# of bags	54,130	62,402	61,968	63,455
	# of knives/blades	922	783	791	726
	# of sprays	129	94	98	79
	# of firearms	11	1	2	1
FP/DNA Room (2nd Floor)	DNA Collections	230	374	275	228
	Criminal Fingerprints	1,245	1,074	975	994
	Private Fingerprints	534	583	577	549

# ***ECSO PERFORMANCE STATS***

## **Civil Process & Foreclosure Sales**

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

<b>OUTPUTS</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Requested civil process cases		1,173	1,070	1,276	1,157
Number of civil process papers	Total	4,160	4,202	4,474	4,599
	Patrol Served	747	1,009	595	479
Sheriff's foreclosure sales	Scheduled	20	20	27	31
	Held	8	12	10	16
	Cancelled	12	8	17	15

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Revenue Source	Account String	2025 Adj Budget	2025 Actual YTD	% of Budget Current Yr	2025 Year-End Projection	Comments (Main drivers, reasons for the projections)
01-County Funding	41110	15,842,812	15,842,812	100.0%	15,842,812	County Funding Budget amount
04-Intergovernment Grants and Aic	43xxx	39,761	92,222	231.9%	92,222	
06-Public Charges for Services	46xxx	627,250	479,637	76.5%	481,257	
98-Miscellaneous/Other	48xxx	288,500	377,632	130.9%	377,632	
99-Use of Fund Balance	493xx	739,267	0	0%	0	This is a budgeting tool, and will never result in actual revenue. It is the budgeted deficit.
998-Other Revenue not listed		0	0	0%	0	
<b>Total Revenues:</b>		<b>\$17,537,590</b>	<b>\$16,792,303</b>	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>\$16,793,923</b>	

Expenditure Type	Object Code	2025 Adj Budget	2025 Actual YTD	% of Budget Current Yr	2025 Year-End Projection	Comments (Main drivers, reasons for the projections)
01-Regular Wages	1xx	9,210,210	8,565,737	93.0%	8,565,737	
02-OT Wages	1xx	427,000	799,881	187.3%	799,881	
03-FICA/WRS	1xx	1,668,287	1,686,159	101.1%	1,686,159	Calculated as a % of Regular & OT wages
03-Payroll Benefits	1xx	1,963,320	1,622,606	82.6%	1,622,606	
04-Contracted Services	2xx	2,301,315	2,054,554	89.3%	2,054,554	
05-Supplies & Expenses	3xx	956,625	819,359	85.7%	819,259	
07-Fixed Charges	5xx	402,740	402,743	100.0%	402,743	
08-Debt Service	6xx	0	0	0%	0	
09-Equipment	8xx	593,093	280,252	47.3%	280,252	
10-Grants, Contributions, Other	7xx	15,000	11,715	78.1%	11,715	
999-Other Expenditure not listed		0	0	0%	0	
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>		<b>\$17,537,590</b>	<b>\$16,243,005</b>	<b>92.6%</b>	<b>\$16,242,906</b>	

**Net Surplus/(-Deficit)** **\$549,299** **\$551,017**

Historical Revenues & Expenses - Actuals				
Year	Revenue	Expense	Remaining	% of Budget
2020	\$13,826,970	\$12,855,010	\$971,960	7.03%
2021	\$13,500,336	\$13,147,573	\$352,762	2.61%
2022	\$14,014,068	\$13,693,917	\$320,151	2.28%
2023	\$14,873,172	\$14,073,114	\$800,057	5.38%
2024	\$16,139,011	\$16,336,217	<b>-\$197,206</b>	<b>-1.22%</b>
*2025	\$16,793,923	\$16,248,050	\$545,873	3.25%

\* Unaudited amount as of 3/15/26

# YEAR IN REVIEW - 2025



These graduates spent five weeks (200 hours) learning all about jail operations.

Upon graduation they are certified by the State of Wisconsin as Jail Officers.

## Jail Academy Graduation

## Community Presentation

Sergeant Prorok and Deputy Christensen were able to present to the regional Lions organization, at their annual Lions Convention.

The topic of civilian response to active threats.



## Accepted Donations

The L.E. Phillips Senior Center Crafting Club and the Clearwater Quilt Guild made a generous donation of handmade blankets and quilts to support our Drug Endangered Children program.

Members of our Honor Guard team had the solemn privilege of standing in honor at MSP airport as survivors of fallen law enforcement officers departed for Washington DC to take part in National Police Week.

## Honor Guard - Police Week



Multiple types of scams were affecting our community.

The scammers used emails, phone calls, text messages.

## Scam Scam Scam

## Vigilant Parent Program

This program is a two hour course offered to parents interested in learning about popular apps their children are using and what they can do to protect them..



# YEAR IN REVIEW - 2025



They donated a portion of their proceeds from their annual golf outing to the Eau Claire County Regional SWAT Team. This donation has supported our efforts to outfit the team with much needed equipment to enhance the safety of our community!  
**Eau Claire Evening Lions**

## Traffic Control

Throughout the summer our staff was busy with community events and directing traffic to those events.



## Blue Ox

Again this year, our staff (Deputies Schlewitz and Solem) had a great time out at the Blue OX festival!

The kids also enjoyed hanging out in the Sheriff's Office UTV.



It was another hot event for our staff who staffed the booth.

A big thank you to the WI State Patrol for hosting this event and all the donors.



## Northern WI State Fair



Members of the Eau Claire County Sheriffs Office Honor Guard traveled to Milwaukee to attend the funeral of Officer Kendall Corder who gave his life in the line of duty.

## Honor Guard - LODD

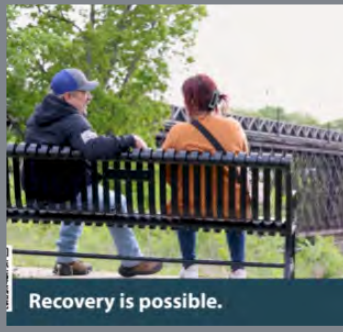
## Project Lifesaver

Our office is part of Project Lifesaver program.

If you have a loved one that is prone to wander please reach out.



# YEAR IN REVIEW - 2025



The Deflection Program connects people with substance use to free, confidential services. Every person we help through deflection instead of incarceration isn't just saving a life, we're reducing crime and making our community safer.

## Deflection Program



## Eau Claire County Fair

Thanks to everyone who joined us at the Eau Claire County Fair again this year.

A huge thank you to Walmart Eau Claire, Chasing Our Sunshine and One Automotive Group for your generous donations!



## National Night Out

It was incredible to see so many families, neighbors, and local partners come together in the spirit of community, safety, and connection. These events are a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together.

We trained at Tower Ridge with our drone, Rec Patrol and Project Lifesaver programs

These programs are essential to the Sheriffs Office and are great tools to help locate someone that is lost.

## Combined Trainings



Sergeant Josh Schroeder and Chaplain Kurt Mattison were awarded the Meritorious Service Award for their work and collaboration related to Peer Support.

## Peer Support Team

## Kids 'n Cops Fundraiser

The Altoona Family Restaurant hosted our annual fundraiser for this program. Over \$13,000 was donated by Altoona Family Restaurant!



# YEAR IN REVIEW - 2025



These graduates spent over three months (720 hours) learning all about law enforcement operations.

Upon graduation they are certified by the State of Wisconsin as Law Enforcement Officers.

## LE Academy Graduations

## Drug Take Back Events

Prescription Drug Take-Back events happened in the spring and the fall. There was curbside drop-off of sharps, prescription medication, over-the-counter medication, pet medication, inhalers, and much more were accepted.

**Drug Take-Back Day drop-off locations**  
Saturday 10/25, 10am-2pm

 <b>Eau Claire County Government Center (main entrance)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>721 Oxford Avenue</li><li>Enter via Lake Street and follow the signs for medication drop-off</li><li>Curbside drop-off available</li></ul>	 <b>Altoona Police Department</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1004 Spooner Avenue</li><li>Follow signs for medication drop-off</li><li>Curbside drop-off available</li></ul>
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**Eau Claire County residents safely disposed 902 pounds of medication!**

Thank you to our partners, volunteers, and community members who participated in Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on April 26, 2025!



## Cheered Runners

We cheered on all of the runners who participated in the Hall-EAU-ween 5k!!

Especially those who powered past the 2 mile point that took them right past our jail.

Operation Underground Railroad (OUR) presented Detective Nocchi with the "Fiat Justitia" Award, recognizing his outstanding computer forensic work in the fight against child predators.



## Award Winning Staff

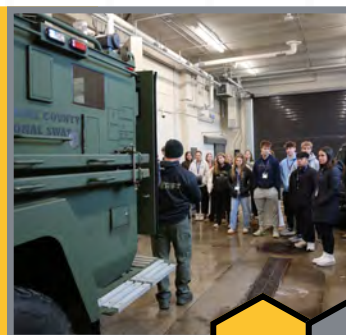


Deputy Solem and ECPD presented to an assisted living facility. Residents learned about frauds occurring in our area, especially those targeting the senior community.

## Fraud Presentations

## SWAT Presentations

Members of the Eau Claire County Regional SWAT Team had the opportunity to meet with youth participating in the Youth Leadership Program.



# EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

## Corporal Promotions



**Benjamin Haas**  
Jail Corporal  
2/9/25



**Cierra Hanson**  
Jail Corporal  
2/9/25



**Aaron Rosenblum**  
Jail Corporal  
2/9/25



**William Blake**  
Jail Corporal  
9/7/25



**Bryan Dachel**  
Jail Corporal  
9/7/25



**Mitchell Hagen**  
Jail Corporal  
9/7/25

## Sergeant Promotion



**Jay Kamke**  
Jail Sergeant  
2/9/25

## Lieutenant Promotion



**Chad Strasburg**  
Jail Lieutenant  
10/18/25

## Captain Promotion



**Chad Dachel**  
Jail Captain  
9/7/25

## New Employees

### January

- Wilmer, Camdyn - Correctional Officer

### March

- Korger, Stacia - Administrative Fiscal & Personnel Coordinator

### May

- Kummet, Ashton - Patrol Deputy
- Kummet, Carter - Patrol Deputy
- Kupczak, Tristan - Patrol Deputy

### June

- Rivas, Jaime - Patrol Deputy
- Sullivan, Emily - Correctional Officer

### July

- Gonzales, Rogelio - Patrol Deputy
- Thiede, Amy - Administrative Associate

### August

- Ambrozaitis, Danielle - Correctional Officer
- Baker, Brett - Correctional Officer
- Hahn, Sarah - Correctional Officer

### September

- Fuerstenberg, Rhyenne - Correctional Officer

### December

- Ellis, Taylor - Correctional Officer
- Vlcek, Noah - Patrol Deputy

## Undersheriff Promotion



**Travis Holbrook**  
Undersheriff  
7/13/25

# EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

## YEARS OF SERVICE



Cole Tenold



Tyler Munson



Jaime Rivas



Jay Kamke



Aarika Raven



Jacob Taylor



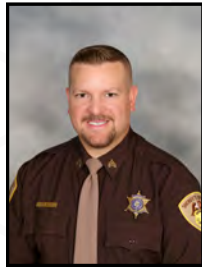
Adam Prorok



Doug Borgaro



David Manthei



Derek Ricci



Richard Pollard



Dan Eaton



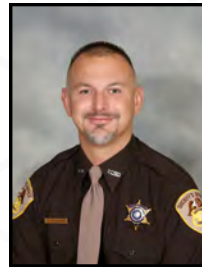
Josh Schroeder



Brady Guth



Dave Peck



Tony Hovland



Craig Berg



Jon Pendergast



Jason Barnet



Beth Nicks

# AWARDS CEREMONY 10/20/25



# AWARDS



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



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



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



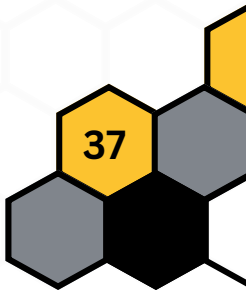
The Lifesaving Award recognizes an employee who performs a lifesaving effort resulting in maintaining or saving a life at the scene.



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

# ***MEDAL OF HONOR***

Incident Date	Case Number	Recipient(s)



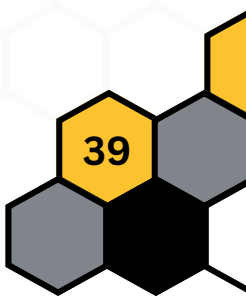
# MEDAL OF VALOR

Incident Date	Case Number	Recipient(s)
1/13/14	14-222	Deputy Dustin Walters
4/3/16	16-2049	Deputy Dustin Walters
2/8/18	18SO00931	Correctional Officer Jason Higley
8/7/18	18SO05345	Deputy Jim Haworth Deputy Dan Eaton
3/2/19	DCI2019-1434	Deputy Dan Eaton
8/1/19	19SO05020	Deputy Adam Prorok
11/22/20	20SO06327	Deputy Jacob Taylor Deputy Brandon Ring



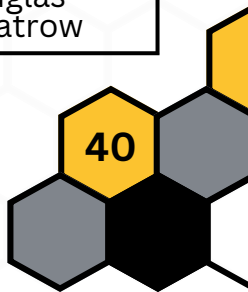
# ***PURPLE HEART***

Incident Date	Case Number	Recipient(s)



# LIFESAVING

Incident Date	Case Number	Recipient(s)
5/7/15	15-2698	Deputy Brandon Ring Deputy Tony Hovland
11/18/15	15-7586	Deputy Dave Riewestahl
9/29/17	17SO06237	Detective Brian Trowbridge
3/17/18	Off Duty	Correctional Officer Kevin Kochanski
8/23/18	18SO05483	Deputy Riley Schulner
3/16/19	19SO01605	Deputy Kyle Jacobson Deputy Riley Schulner
4/4/19	19JI-056	Correctional Officer David Manthei Correctional Officer Cory Bergevin Correctional Officer Gina Schulner
9/10/19	19SO05947	Deputy Kyle Jacobson Deputy Riley Schulner Deputy Shawn Corbin
2/13/20	20SO08553	Lieutenant Cory Schalinske
6/12/20	20SO03090	Detective Tony Hovland
8/4/20	20SO04134	Deputy Dan Eaton
7/15/21	21SO03871	Deputy John Gunderson Detective Don Henning
6/30/22	22SO02463	Captain Cory Schalinske
2/28/23	23JI-035	Correctional Officer Jacqueline Olson
3/21/23	23SO01440	Deputy Joseph Wollum
4/23/23	23JI-072	Correctional Officer Aaron Rosenblum Correctional Officer Theresa Lorenz Sergeant Colleen Kastel
4/24/23	23JI-073	Correctional Officer Regina Larson Correctional Officer Jorge Huerta Correctional Officer John Konz
5/11/23	23SO02549	Deputy Nathan Spehle
1/2/24	24SO00019	Deputy Steven Schlewitz
3/10/24	24SO01194	Sergeant Riley Schulner
5/14/25	25SO02291	Deputy Ty Reinke
6/28/25	25JI-204	Correctional Officer Jacob Douglas Correctional Officer Elisabeth Patrow



# MEDAL OF MERIT

Incident Date	Case Number	Recipient(s)
10/30/16	Glaze LODD	Detective Sergeant Mike Mayer Detective Don Henning Detective Jeff Nocchi Detective Brian Trowbridge
1/13/13-9/30/17	PR Outreach	Deputy Gail Gregory
9/29/17	17SO06237	Lieutenant Cory Schalinske Sergeant Dustin Walters Deputy Chad Strasburg Deputy Mark Bull
2/8/18	18SO00931	Correctional Officer Shane Jensen
8/1/19	19SO05020	Deputy Joel Kaeding
2020-2021	Program/PR Events	Deputy Melissa Sommers
5/28/22	22SO02730	Deputy Sam Eaton
6/27/23	DHS Investigation	Detective Ryan Greener Special Deputy Mike Voelker
10/10/24	ICT Implementation	Correctional Officer Bryan Dachel
12/14/24	24SO06968	Deputy William Prudlick
3/29/25	25JI-098	Sergeant Craig Berg Corporal Ryan Addis
9/18/25	CART Scenario	Detective Sergeant Gail Gregory



# **EMPLOYEE MILESTONES RETIREMENTS**

**1/30/25**



**35 Yrs**

**Lori Johnson**

**Administrative Fiscal &  
Personnel Coordinator**

Lori brought a remarkable wealth of knowledge and experience, along with a deep understanding of our office's history. Her insight and steady presence have been invaluable, helping shape our organization in ways that will have a lasting impact.



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