

SHERIDAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
2023 IN REVIEW



ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings,

I would like to introduce myself for those who may not know me. I am Levi Dominguez and I have the honor of being the 23rd elected sheriff of Sheridan County. This year marks my 21st year in public safety and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to serve Sheridan County every single day.

Thank you for taking the time to review our report for the year of 2023. It's our pleasure to provide the community with an outlook into what our staff has accomplished and been faced with over this past year. Throughout the report you will see a snapshot of what our patrol and detention divisions respond to and the great work they do while serving Sheridan County. You will also see what our civilian staff is tasked with throughout the year.

The numbers within the report help guide our office on how we can provide better service to all of Sheridan County for years to come, but also acknowledges the great services our staff provide to the citizens and visitors of Sheridan County.

This past year our office revived the K9 program and welcomed K9 Fox and K9 Kai. Both Fox and Kai are trained in drug detection, evidence recovery, and tracking/trailing. While this program kicked off in July of 2023, Fox, Kai and their handlers, Corporal Doug Sanders and Deputy Liz Choat, have been busy. In next year's review, we will be able to provide a comprehensive look into all of the great things our K9 program has accomplished.

If you follow our report every year, I would like to point out a category that may catch your attention on page 8 under patrol deputy work load. Within the report, you will see burglaries increased from 6 in 2022 to 35 in 2023. This increase was primarily due to a series of vehicle burglaries committed by one individual at the end of 2022 and into 2023. Because of the great work and investigation performed by our deputies, along with collaboration from other jurisdictions, the individual was taken into custody and ultimately convicted of 15 counts of burglary. This individual had initially been charged with several more counts of burglary.

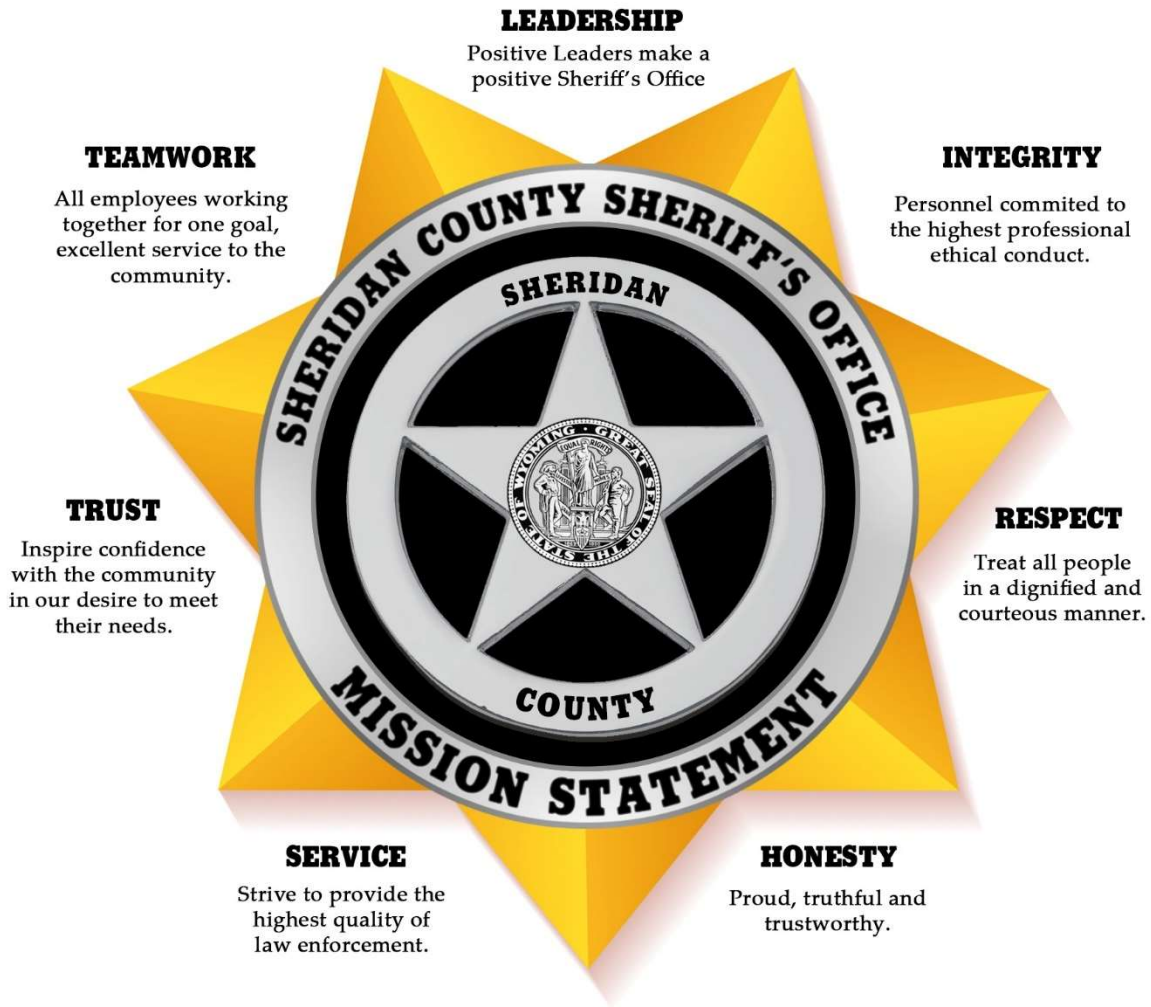
We are committed to providing the best service to Sheridan County, and we will continually engage with all of our communities to ensure the level of service our office is providing is what is expected of the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office.

If you have any questions regarding our report or the services we provide, please don't hesitate to call our office at 307-672-3455.

Sincerely,

Sheriff W. Levi Dominguez

All members of the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to serving Sheridan County and its residents in the best possible manner. The Sheriff's Office employees work together to produce a quality work environment and provide quality law enforcement for the community. The following chart illustrates the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office mission statement.



Sheridan County Demographics

Sheridan County is the 6th largest county in Wyoming by population yet there are only 6 counties in Wyoming with less land area. As a result, Sheridan County has the 3rd highest population density in the state. The land area of Sheridan County also contains approximately 1/3 federal and state land. We serve a land area of 2,527 square miles and serve a population estimated at 31,646. The incorporated towns of Dayton, Ranchester, and Clearmont rely solely on the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services, as do all the unincorporated areas outside the city of Sheridan. Sheridan County Sheriff's Office deputies patrol approximately 522 miles of county roads and approximately 343 miles of State Highways. We work closely with the Wyoming Highway Patrol, the Sheridan Police Department, the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, Wyoming Game and Fish, and many other law enforcement or non-law enforcement entities.

Sheridan County Sheriff's Office Demographics

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office is statutorily mandated to provide law enforcement services, operate a jail, provide court security, and perform civil process service throughout Sheridan County. We are divided into 2 divisions, patrol and detention. Each division has a separate operating budget, which when combined comprises about 30% of the total Sheridan County budget.

On the patrol side of the house, we have 1 sheriff, 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 2 corporals and 14 patrol deputies that are Wyoming Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified Peace Officers. The Peace Officers are tasked with criminal investigation and crime prevention throughout Sheridan County, along with civil process service, VIN/HIN inspections, and court security for the Fourth Judicial District.

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office employs 20 P.O.S.T certified Detention Officers. The Detention Center staffing includes 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 4 corporals, and 13 detention deputies. Our Detention Deputies are tasked with the safety and security of all Sheridan County inmates.

Along with ensuring equitable treatment of inmates, the detention staff is tasked with transporting inmates to court hearings, other detention centers, medical treatment facilities, and mental health facilities. Some transports can span the entire state.

To support Detention Center operations, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office employs 13 full-time and 13 part-time or fill-in Detention Center Control Operators. The Control Operators conduct constant inmate monitoring, enter activity log information, and control movement through the center via computer, video camera, radio, and phone.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for service received through dispatch=	2403
Case reports generated =	2346
Average calls per day received through dispatch =	6.6

Logged traffic stops =	1206
Motorist Assists =	92

Traffic and non-traffic citations	379
Written warnings	147

ARRESTS, CITED OR CHARGED 2023 (UCR/NIBRS)

JUVENILES – UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

	Male	Female		
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0		
Forcible Rape	0	0		
Robbery	0	0		
Aggravated Assault	0	0		
Burglary	0	0		
Larceny – theft	0	0		
Other Assaults	2	0		
Arson	0	0		
Forgery	0	0		
Fraud	0	0		
Embezzlement	0	0		
Stolen Property	0	0		
Vandalism	6	0		
Weapons	0	0		
Prostitution	0	0		
Sex Offenses (except rape)	0	0		
Drug Violation	0	2		
Gambling	0	0		
Offenses against family	0	0		
DWUI	0	0		
Liquor Law Violations	21	2		
Drunkenness	0	0		
Disorderly Conduct	0	0		
Vagrancy	0	0		
All other (except traffic)	1	2		
Suspicion	0	0		
Curfew	0	0		
Runaways	0	0		
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TOTAL 2023	30	6	TOTAL	36
TOTAL 2022	30	14	TOTAL	44
TOTAL 2021	27	8	TOTAL	35
TOTAL 2020	89	17	TOTAL	106

ARRESTS 2023 (UCR/NIBRS)
ADULTS – 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

	Male	Female		
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0		
Forcible Rape	2	0		
Robbery	0	0		
Aggravated assault	0	0		
Burglary	2	0		
Larceny – theft	0	2		
Motor vehicle theft	0	0		
Other assaults	29	7		
Arson	0	0		
Forgery	0	0		
Fraud	0	0		
Embezzlement	0	0		
Stolen Property (possess)	0	0		
Vandalism	0	2		
Weapons: carry/possess	0	0		
Prostitution	0	0		
Sex offenses (except rape)	0	0		
Drug abuse violations	18	6		
Gambling	0	0		
Offenses against family	0	0		
Driving under the influence	20	2		
Liquor Laws	27	4		
Drunkenness	0	0		
Vagrancy	0	0		
All other (except traffic)	47	25		
Suspicion	0	0		
Disorderly Conduct	1	0		
Total: 2023	146	48	TOTAL	194
Total: 2022	130	49	TOTAL	179
Total: 2021	168	53	TOTAL	221
Total: 2020	192	88	TOTAL	280

CRIME INFORMATION (UCR/NIBRS)

OFFENSES REPORTED TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR 2023

	Offenses Reported	Offenses Unfounded	Number of Actual Offenses	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Offenses Cleared by Juvenile Arrests
Murder & Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	2	0	2	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	37	2	35	30	2
Burglary	12	0	12	5	0
Larceny	36	3	36	2	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	4	7	0	0
Fraud	40	0	0	0	0
TOTAL 2023	134	9	92	38	2

VALUE OF PROPERTY LOST / STOLEN & RECOVERED FOR 2023 (UCR/NIBRS)

Type of Property	Lost/Stolen	Recovered
Currency & Notes	47,451	22,000
Jewelry & Precious Metals	5,675	2,000
Clothing & Furs	519	0
Motor Vehicles	113,110.00	37,110
Office Equipment	535	0
TV-Radio-Stereo-etc.	2,589	0
Firearms	4,502.00	0
Household Goods	0	0
Consumable Goods	0	0
Livestock	0	0
Miscellaneous	51,881.50	0
TOTAL	\$ 226,262.50	\$61,110.00

PATROL DEPUTY WORK LOAD

<u>CASE TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Property Destruction	39
Theft	40
Burglary	35
Welfare Check	91
Minor Possess-alcohol/tobacco citations	22
Runaways	10
Abandoned Vehicles	14
Alarm Activated	98
Attempt to locate / Missing person	12
Reckless Driving	2
Dispute (all other)	102
Found Property	17
Traffic complaint	54
Threats/Harassment	44
Driving Under the Influence (cite/arrest)	32
REDDI (Report Every Drunk Driver)	44
Trespassing	50
Littering	7
Domestic Dispute	83
Battery / Assault	22
Stalking	2
Animal Calls	36
Animal Cruelty	2
Missing Animal	4
Animal Welfare Check	31
Dog Vicious	13
Livestock Loose	61

<u>Proactive Patrol Work:</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Close patrol, Ranchester	583
Close Patrol, Dayton	573
Close Patrol, Big Horn	585
Close Patrol, Clearmont	58
Close Patrol, Story	370
Morning School Zone	306
Afternoon School Zone	30
School Visit	781
VIN Inspection Calls for Service	786
Total VIN Inspections	1862
Paper Service attempts	1634

<u>Traffic Crashes for 2023</u>	<u>TOTAL (Resulting in State of Wyoming Crash form)</u>
Total Crashes	59
Crashes (DUI)	6
Crashes (Fatal)	0
Crashes (Injury)	10
Crashes (Hit and Run)	9
Crashes (Reports Completed for WHP)	8 (13.5% of all SCSO crashes)(29% in 2022)(26% in 2021)

DEPUTY AND DETENTIONS TRAINING

All hours listed below refer to training hours Certified by the Wyoming Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (P.O.S.T.). Patrol Deputies are required to complete 40 training hours every two years and Detention Deputies and Reserve Deputies are required to complete 20 training hours every two years. Additionally, certified Peace and Detention Officers must complete at least 10% of the required training in “perishable skill” fields. Perishable skills are typically motoric and tend to diminish without practice or repetition. Wyoming P.O.S.T. refers to skills like firearm manipulation, custody and control, and first aid as “perishable”.

The FY 2023-24 continued education budget for Patrol was \$7,000.00 and for Detention was \$7,500.00. By selecting free or reduced cost trainings often covered by grants and certifying our staff to instruct certain courses, we were able to leverage 1,732.5 hours of advanced training within that tight budget. The result was just over 40 hours per deputy on average and that did not include any basic training, college credits or instructor hours.

The basic training listed below is free to all law enforcement agencies except fees for meals, course materials and ammunition. College degree credits are paid for by the individual deputies.

2023 Peace Officer and Detention Officer training hours:

Basic Training:	1,260.50
Advanced Training:	<u>1,732.50</u>
Total:	2,993.00

2023 Peace and Detention Officer instructor hours:

Total: 74

Classes include such topics as the following:

- * Ethics in Law Enforcement
- * Communication Skills
- * Quarterly Fire Arms Training
- * Taser Training
- * Marijuana Impact
- * Field Sobriety Test
- * Instructor Recertification
- * K9 Handler Certification
- * Preparing for Leadership
- * Bleeding Control
- * Custody & Control
- * Firearms Instructor
- * Custody & Control
- * Basic Life Saver
- * Field Training (FTO)
- * Officer Survival
- * Radar Certification
- * DCI Basic Drug School
- * Use of Force
- * Drug Trends
- * Crisis Management School Incidents
- * Sex Crimes
- * Leadership Training
- * Less Lethal Munitions
- * Intox Basic Operator
- * Advanced Firearms
- * ALICE
- * FEMA/ICS Training
- * Diversity Awareness
- * Firearms

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM (SRO)

At the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office and Sheridan County School District #1 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) wherein the sheriff's office will provide and assign two (2) Sheridan County Sheriff's Deputies to serve as SROs for Sheridan County School District #1. Within the MOU it was agreed the school district will pay 83% of both deputies' salaries and benefits package.

The goal of the SRO program is to create and maintain a safe, secure, and orderly learning environment for students, teachers, and staff. This program is a reflection of the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office and Community's strong desire to keep our children safe.

The 2023-2024 school year marks the 4th year this MOU has been in place. It has been well received within the community and will continue for years to come. The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office currently has two (2) deputies assigned to the SRO program. One deputy is assigned to the Tongue River Valley and provides SRO duties to the Tongue River school campuses while the second deputy is assigned to the Big Horn school campuses. In 2023, the MOU generated \$167,595.93 used to pay deputies' salaries/benefits which ensured law enforcement presence in Sheridan County Schools.

CIVIL PROCESS

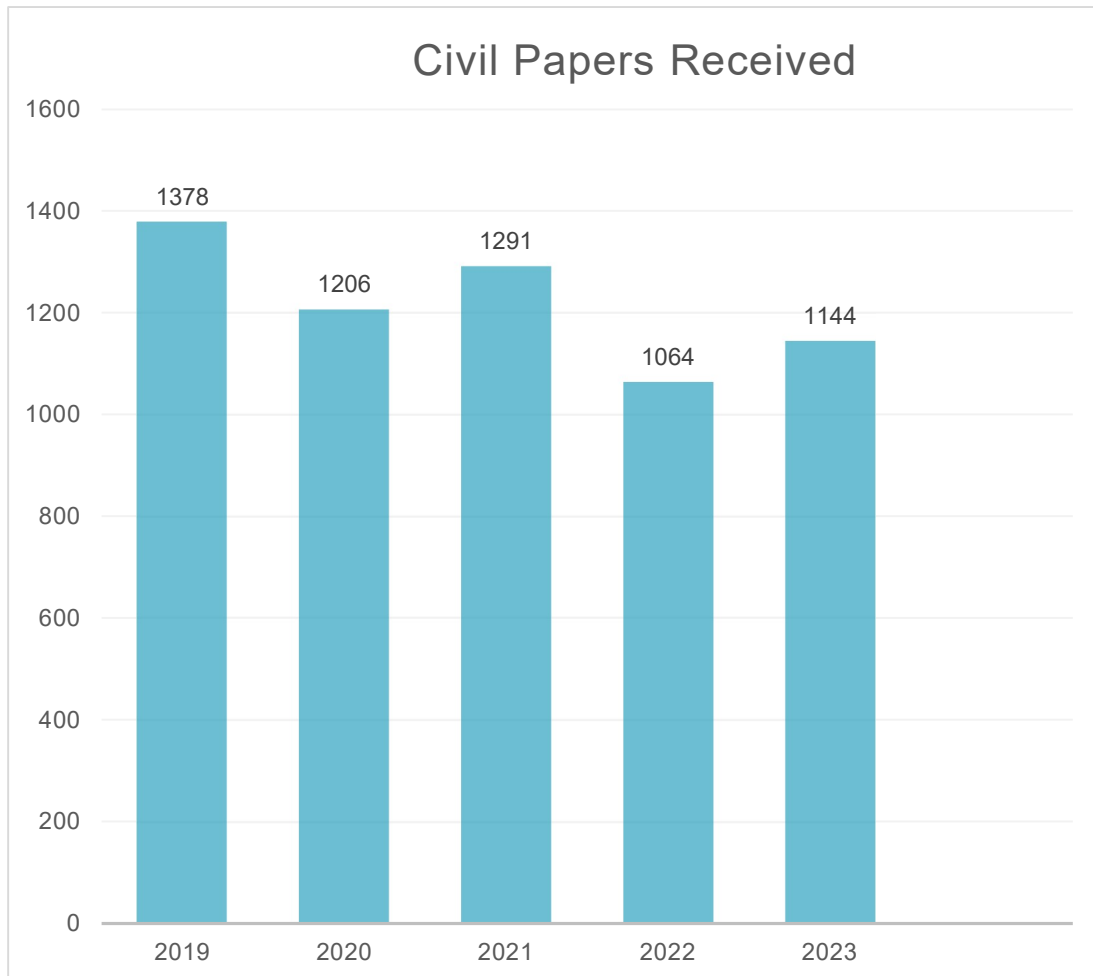
The Sheriff's Office is required by statute to serve civil and criminal process papers.

Papers Received 2023: 1144

Papers Served 2023: 1024 (89.51% success rate)

Revenue Generated for Civil Service in 2023 = \$22,585

- Service fees are \$50 for three attempts (excluding Criminal Subpoenas and Summons)
 - By order of the Sheriff, municipalities are not charged for criminal or civil process service



CONCEALED WEAPON APPLICATIONS AND FEDERAL FIREARMS APPLICATIONS

The Sheriff's Office provides a service to the community of processing concealed weapon applications and fingerprinting for Federal Firearms Applications. The Sheriff's Office receives \$15.00 for processing each concealed weapon application. The fee for printing for any Federal Firearms Applications is \$5 per card.

REVENUE GENERATED FOR 2023

Civil Papers	\$ 22,585	VOA Work Release	\$ 0
Finger Prints	\$ 3,496.25	Forest Service Agreement	\$10,200.00
Social Security Payments	\$ 2,595.00	Work Release	\$ 490.00
Split	\$ 85,960.47	Miscellaneous*	\$203,971.42
Inmate Phone	\$ 33,410.04	Inmate Housing, Other Agency	\$12,599.90
Jail Contract**	\$ 0	Jail Sanction / ISP	\$ 8,940.00
Pay To Stay	\$ 4,970.47	VIN Verification Fee***	\$ 18,620.00
Highway Safety Grant	\$ 0	Inmate Medical Co-pays**	\$ 4,167.00
DCI Payroll Reimb. Grant	\$ 0	Livestock Patrol	\$12,100.00
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 424,105.55

*Restitution payments, Foreclosure Sale Executions, Records checks, Vending commissions, State of WY refunds, debt collections from inmates, SRO Program, etc.

**As of September 2016, the City of Sheridan is only paying for Medical Expenses for their inmates.

*** The Sheriff's Office staff did 1862 VIN checks in 2023.

SHERIDAN AREA SEARCH AND RESCUE (SASAR)

Total number of activations for 2023 was 14

DATE	MISSION#	SEARCH NAME	DISPOSITION
1/25/23	WY-03-01-23	Stranded Motorist/Columbus Cr	Found by Big Horn Co., MT
2/6/23	WY-03-02-23	Overdue Sledder/Steamboat Rock	Found by S&R
2/21/23	WY-03-03-23	Overdue Sledders/Red Grade Rd	Found by S&R
3/3/23	WY-03-04-23	Stuck Sledders/Garland Gulch	Found by S&R
3/25/23	WY-03-05-23	Assist Sheridan Co Sherriff/Acme	Evidence Recovered
4/30/23	WY-03-06-23	Assist Big Horn Co, WY	Subjects Located
5/21/23	WY-03-07-23	Stuck Motorist/Twin Lakes	Found by S&R
6/13/23	WY-03-08-23	Stuck Motorist/FSR 627	Found by S&R
6/25/23	WY-03-09-23	Missing Persons/FSR 309	Found by S&R
6/25/23	WY-03-10-23	Stuck Motorist/Nickle Creek	Found by S&R
7/5/23	WY-03-11-23	Assist Big Horn Co., WY	Located Subjects
9/8/23	WY-03-12-23	Injured Hiker/TR Canyon	Cancelled
10/12/23	WY-03-13-23	Overdue Hunter/Freeze Out	Found by S&R
10/20/23	WY-03-14-23	Injured Hunter/Sand Coulee	Found by S&R

GRANT REVENUE

Highway Traffic Safety Grant Information

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office opted out of the Highway Safety Grant for the year 2023 and never received any grant funds. This was due to new requirements, as well as, low interest in the grant by deputies in previous years.

USDA Forest Service Mountain Patrol Contract Information

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office contracts annually with the US Forest Service to provide law enforcement patrols of Forest Service areas within Sheridan County. The contract period ran from June 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023. The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office performed 255 hours of specific Forest Service patrols and approximately 5,287 miles during those patrols. As a result, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$10,200 to pay deputies to perform those duties outside of normal shifts.

Pursuant to the grant specifications, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office had 3 Forest Officer Assists, and 31 Public Assists.

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement service in US Forest Service areas regardless of the contract period, so it is important to note deputies generated an additional 12 investigatory reports in or near US Forest Service areas while working routine patrol. Those reports included: 1 Burglary, 2 Simple Assaults, 3 Vandalisms, 2 DWUI's, 1 Liquor Laws, 12 All Other Offenses, 2 Forest Officer Assist., 3 Public Assists. There was a total of 55 Calls for Service.

Livestock Patrol-MOU with The Wyoming Livestock Board

2023 marked the third year the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Wyoming Livestock Board to provide additional targeted livestock patrol and enforcement within Sheridan County. Areas patrolled are all of Sheridan County, but particularly the Wyoming/Montana border, Summer and Fall livestock ranges, and additional areas of concern specified by the Wyoming Livestock Board or the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office.

The MOU runs from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Wyoming Livestock Board will pay up to \$15,000 for deputies to perform specific livestock patrol within the parameters of the MOU. As a result of the MOU, the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$12,100 in 2023 for 220 hours of specific livestock patrol and patrolled approximately 5,659 miles during livestock patrols. During these patrols, deputies conducted 49 Producer and Carrier contacts.

VEHICLE EXPENSES

Detention Center Repairs and Maintenance = \$ 845.80

Sheriff's Office Repairs and Maintenance = \$35,805.59

Amount of gas purchased in Sheridan for both Patrol and Detentions* \$ 76,745.28

Amount in tires purchased are for both Patrol and Detentions** \$ 4,220.79

*Dollar amounts do not reflect gas used outside of Sheridan County for transports, and miscellaneous traveling i.e.travel to schools.

**Tires are now paid for out of 1% optional budget.

PAYROLL BUDGET & OVERTIME

TOTAL PAYROLL FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$1,475,162.16
TOTAL PAYROLL FOR DETENTION	\$1,789,813.79

Patrol Deputies	OT Hrs	124.5	\$	6,116.22
Detentions Deputies	OT Hrs	1080.25	\$	38,642.99
Control Room Operators	OT Hrs	366.75	\$	10,523.86
SO Office Staff	OT Hrs	0	\$	0
Comp Time Paid out for Control Operators		377.25	\$	7,132.08
No Patrol Deputy Comp Time Paid				

DETENTIONS

Average # of Book-ins per Month:	91.91
Average monthly inmate: (in House)	48.66
Average monthly inmate count*	50.34
Lowest # of inmates: (In House)	37 (Aug)
Highest # of inmates: (In House)	63 (Feb)
Lowest # of inmates: (All)	41 (Sept)
Highest # of inmates (All)	67 (Feb)
Average daily population of females:	8.68
Average daily population of males:	38.13

Inmate capacity = 126 inmates

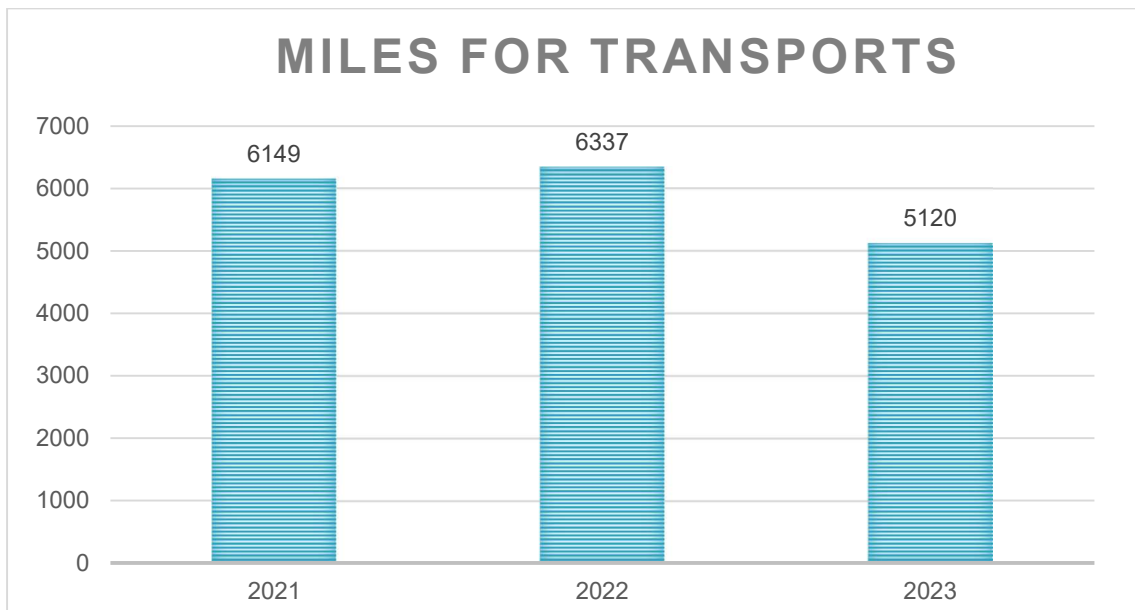
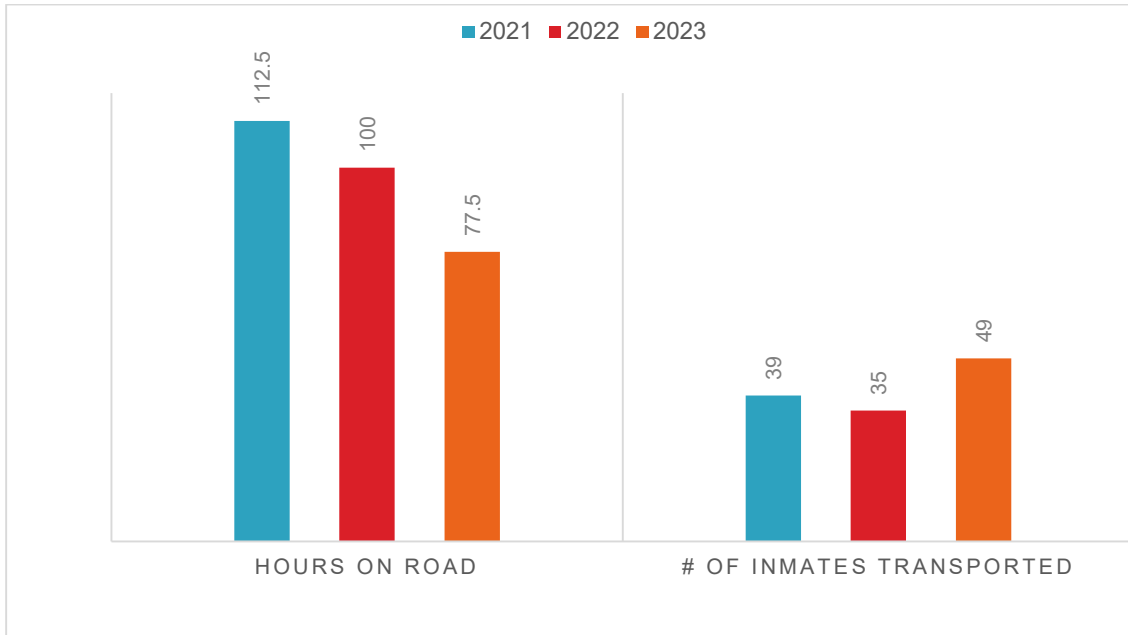
**Inmate count-Total includes inmates that only serve sentences on weekends*

TOTAL MEALS SERVED TO INMATES IN 2023 = 74,397(not including housed elsewhere)
TOTAL \$ of MEALS SERVED TO INMATES IN 2023 = \$249,183.21

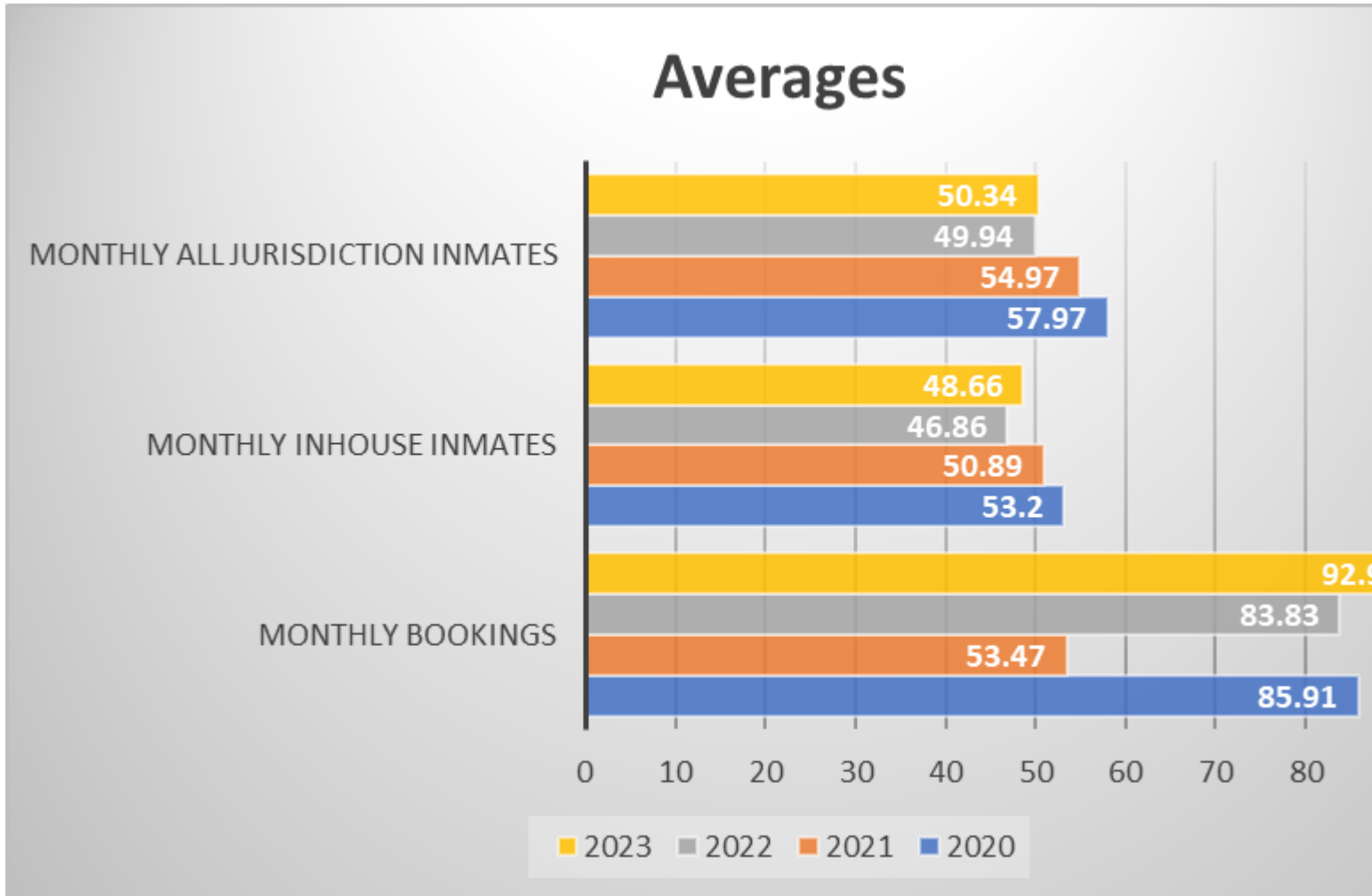
DETENTIONS DATA / 2013 TO 2023

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AVG. BOOK-INS/month</u>	<u>AVG. DAILY POPULATION</u>
2013	83	93
2014	100	80
2015	107	81
2016	96	80
2017	93	70
2018	92	70
2019	108	66
2020	86	53
2021	89	51
2022	86	49
2023	93	47

INMATE TRANSPORTS



INMATE HOUSING



**Monthly All Jurisdiction Inmates include any inmates in our custody being held at Sheridan County Detention Center, Johnson County Detention Center, “Weekender” inmates, Sheridan Memorial Hospital, and/or the Wyoming State Hospital.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

CATEGORY J OFFENDERS (Must check in at the Office every 3 months) – 46 Offenders

CATEGORY H OFFENDERS (Must check in at the Office every 6 months) – 17 Offenders

CATEGORY G OFFENDERS (Must check in at the Office every 12 months) – 31 Offenders

TOTAL REGISTERED IN 2023 - 94

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