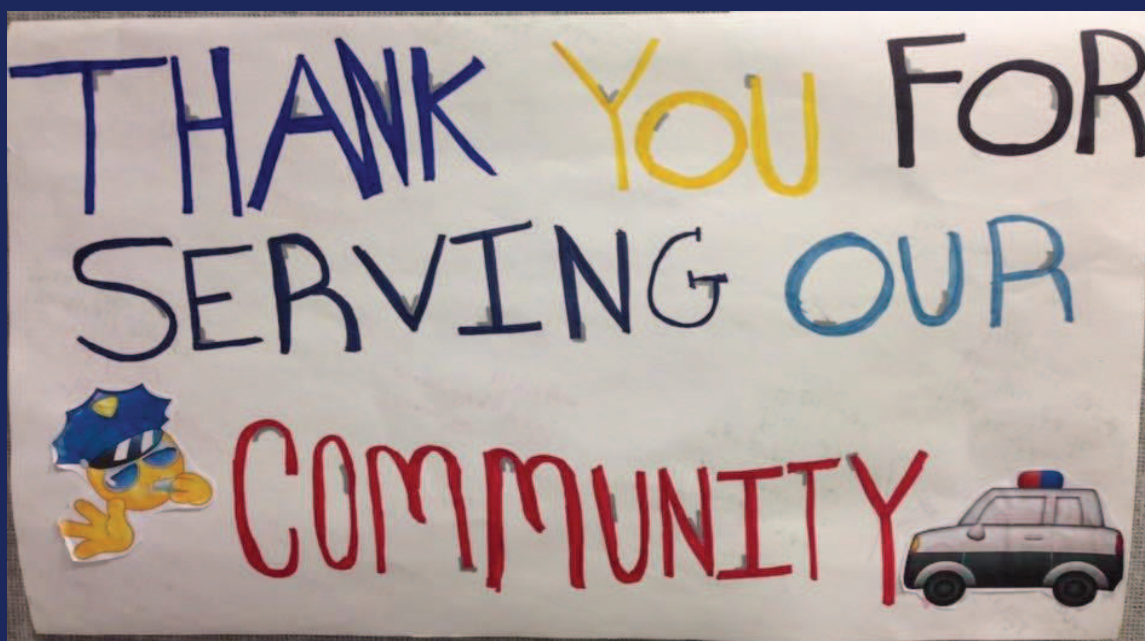


WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2016
ANNUAL REPORT

Message from Sheriff John Matz



2016 was a challenging year for our country as we experienced divisiveness across most every level of our nation's fabric. Public confidence in law enforcement and the resulting attacks on police officers are stark reminders of the delicate balance that exists between the police and the community they serve.

The artwork on the cover of this year's Annual Report is just one example of the overwhelming community support that the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office received during the past year. Reflecting on my past 27 years of service, I cannot recall a time when more members of the public have taken the time to stop and openly express their appreciation. While both welcomed and humbling, it has reaffirmed that our efforts to be actively involved and positively engaged in our community are paying tangible dividends.

Hosting our first Citizens Academy and the deployment of Narcan to deputies in the field as part of the Heroin Task Force were new undertakings for the Sheriff's Office in 2016. I hope that you find this report informative and learn more about the work that your Sheriff's Office is doing every day to make a difference in our community.

I welcome your feedback and comments,

John F. Matz, Sheriff



The Judiciary and Public Safety Committee reviews policy issues and advises and recommends appropriate policy goals and legislative action relating to the Clerk of Courts, Sheriff, District Attorney, Coroner, Corporation Counsel, Family Court Commissioner, Law Library, Emergency Management and Child Support.

This committee is composed of five-(5) County Board Supervisors:

Bill Wingren.....Chair
W. Thomas Ellis.....Vice Chair
Larry Smith.....Secretary
Paul Eisen.....Member
Bill Roh.....Member

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Command Staff

Mission Statement

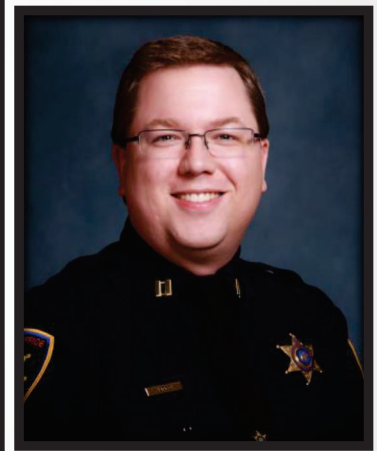
The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing comprehensive public safety services in partnership with its citizens to promote a safe and secure community.

In order to achieve the Sheriff's Office mission, emphasis is placed on professionalism, teamwork, and individual growth. The Office strives to be a leader within the public safety community and values integrity, fairness, and compassion.

Chief Deputy
Todd Christopherson



Captain of Patrol
Mark Habeck



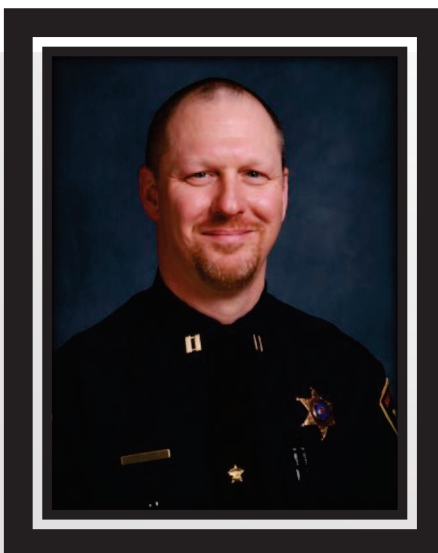
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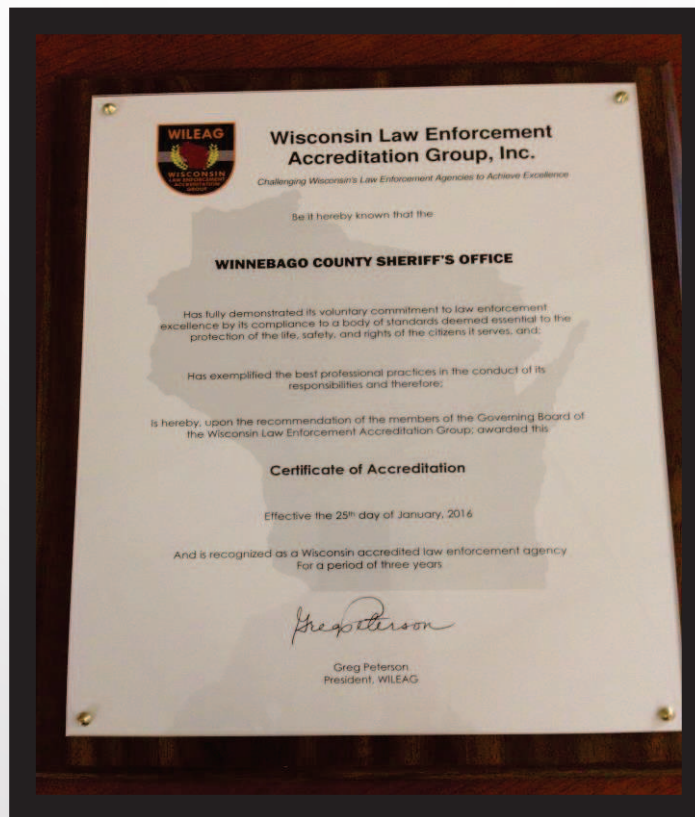
Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group

For law enforcement agencies, professionalism and transparency are the cornerstones of ensuring public trust. To this end, four years ago the Sheriff's Office embarked on the undertaking of attaining law enforcement professional accreditation through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG).



Following a comprehensive audit of policies, procedures and protocols, the Sheriff's Office was found to be in compliance with 211 standards and was bestowed accreditation status in January 2016. Of Wisconsin's 560 law enforcement agencies, only 25 police departments and two sheriff's offices have achieved this distinguished recognition.

Accreditation is a cyclical process and the Sheriff's Office will be audited again for compliance in December 2018. Having timely and consistent external review ensures that policy manuals are living, breathing documents that reflect the highest standards of operational practices.



Patrol Division

The Patrol Division provides the most visible array of law enforcement services to the entire county. Deputies have primary jurisdiction for unincorporated towns within Winnebago County as well as all waterways and county, state and interstate highways.

Deputies provide traditional law enforcement services within a community orientated philosophy of policing. Each deputy is assigned to one of five specific geographic areas of the county on a daily basis throughout the year. This facilitates cultivating working relationships with community members and businesses.

The Patrol Division is comprised of 46 uniformed deputies and includes the following:

- 1 Captain
- 1 Professional Standards Lieutenant
- 8 Shift Lieutenants
- 36 Deputies

Deputies actively patrol I-41, USH 10, USH 45, county highways and town roads. They investigate accidents and criminal activity, and enforce state laws and county ordinances. Deputies are the Agency's frontline responders responsible for routine incidents as well as emergency situations and special event coverage. They attend town board meetings on a regular basis to address community concerns and provide information to residents.

The Patrol Division is committed to providing effective quality police services and takes pride in partnering with the community.



2016 CALLS FOR SERVICE

	OFFICER INITIATED	REPORTED	MONTHLY TOTAL
JANUARY	2,553	1,251	3,804
FEBRUARY	2,581	1,175	3,756
MARCH	3,103	1,321	4,424
APRIL	2,924	1,215	4,139
MAY	2,612	1,450	4,062
JUNE	2,582	1,559	4,141
JULY	2,353	1,717	4,070
AUGUST	2,466	1,430	3,896
SEPTEMBER	2,574	1,307	3,881
OCTOBER	2,619	1,395	4,014
NOVEMBER	2,760	1,328	4,088
DECEMBER	2,378	1,457	3,835
YEARLY TOTAL	31,505	16,605	48,110



CALLS FOR SERVICE

5 YEARS AT A GLANCE

YEARLY TOTAL

2012	44,829
2013	42,802
2014	44,714
2015	51,397
2016	48,110

2016 ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	OWI ARRESTS	ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	GRANT ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS	MONTHLY TOTAL
JANUARY	363	21	34	59	477
FEBRUARY	352	18	19	41	430
MARCH	473	19	19	59	570
APRIL	446	21	18	82	567
MAY	356	26	17	58	457
JUNE	283	21	6	39	349
JULY	255	24	25	72	376
AUGUST	277	8	27	45	357
SEPTEMBER	328	17	11	49	405
OCTOBER	332	13	27	0	372
NOVEMBER	275	13	18	0	306
DECEMBER	262	14	15	0	291
YEARLY TOTAL	4,002	215	236	504	4,957

ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

5 YEARS AT A GLANCE

	CITATIONS	OWI ARRESTS
2012	4,135	267
2013	3,820	224
2014	4,127	234
2015	4,168	225
2016	4,002	215



2016 CRASH HISTORY				
	PROPERTY DAMAGE	INJURIES	FATALITIES	MONTHLY TOTAL
JANUARY	161	30	0	191
FEBRUARY	93	27	1	121
MARCH	143	27	1	171
APRIL	106	22	2	130
MAY	112	34	0	146
JUNE	114	29	1	144
JULY	129	30	2	161
AUGUST	92	28	0	120
SEPTEMBER	96	25	0	121
OCTOBER	159	23	0	182
NOVEMBER	194	23	0	217
DECEMBER	245	36	0	281
YEARLY TOTAL	1,644	334	7	1,985

CRASH HISTORY			
5 YEARS AT A GLANCE			
	TOTAL CRASHES (INCLUDES INJURY)	FATAL CRASHES	YEARLY TOTAL
2012	2,072	6	2,078
2013	2,043	9	2,052
2014	2,111	9	2,120
2015	1,836	1	1,837
2016	1,978	7	1,985



Motorcycle Patrol

Motorcycle Patrol capabilities were added to the Patrol Division in 2009 and have been an effective tool in combatting reckless driving, speeding, and other traffic violations. The Sheriff's Office has one Harley Davidson cycle in the fleet that is overseen by one supervisor and two specially trained deputies.



The Motorcycle is especially useful in responding to crashes on the I-41 corridor by being able to clear the highway faster of incidents and reducing the occurrence of secondary crashes. The specific maneuvering capabilities allow navigation around traffic and expedites emergency response and crash reporting.

Snowmobile Patrol

Utilizing two snowmobiles, the Sheriff's Office conducts Snow Patrol operations covering approximately 200 miles of recreational trails as well as all frozen bodies of water throughout Winnebago County. In 2016, patrols resulted in 15 citations and 8 warnings.

The Department of Natural Resources reimburses Winnebago County for time spent on Snow Patrol enforcement and accident investigation.



Boat Patrol

In an effort to provide safe water recreation, the Sheriff's Office Boat Patrol is tasked with patrolling 140 square miles of navigable waterways in Winnebago County. Deputies investigate boat crashes and enforce County and State regulations.

The Boat Patrol Unit is comprised of three boats and each are staffed with two Deputies per boat during navigational season; predominately weekends, holidays, and special events between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

2016 Boat Patrol Numbers:

- 109 Citations
- 211 Warnings
- 338 Safety Inspections
- 13 Search and Rescue Operations

For the fastest emergency response, the Sheriff's Office shares access to its boats with both the Oshkosh Fire Department and Neenah/Menasha Fire Rescue. The Sheriff's Office Dive Team also utilizes the boats for dive operations.

The Department of Natural Resources provides reimbursement to Winnebago County for time spent on Boat Patrol enforcement activities.



K9 Unit

The Sheriff's Office has three K9 Units that are an indispensable part of our operations. Each dog is a German Shepherd and lives with their handler when not working. All K9 Units are dual certified, being able to detect illegal drugs as well as perform patrol duties (person tracking, building searches, area searches, handler protection, and suspect apprehension).

The K9 Units are highly skilled and attend an initial training academy with their handler. The pair continue to train as a working unit twice a month and must meet annual re-certification requirements.

The Patrol Division has a K9 Unit assigned to all three shifts which allows for greater coverage and decreases response time. With a work expectancy of 5-7 years, our goal is to fully fund the eventual need to replace our K9s through fundraising efforts and donations. The Sheriff's Office K9 fund is managed by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.



K9 Franz
Sworn In
August 2014



K9 Tim
Sworn In
August 2014



K9 Kai
Sworn In
June 2015

2016 K9 STATISTICS

	K9 FRANZ	K9 KAI	K9 TIM	TOTAL
BUILDING CLEAR OR SEARCH	4	3	4	11
SCHOOL OR BUILDING SNIFFS	15	30	11	56
TRACK	9	7	6	22
VEHICLE SNIFFS	149	72	142	363
ASSIST DEPARTMENTS	45	24	32	101
SPECIAL EVENT / DEMONSTRATIONS	11	20	3	34
MONEY SEIZED	\$845.00	\$2,105.00	\$12,072.00	\$15,022.00
THC SEIZED (grams)	467.5	503.08	313	1283.58
COCAINE SEIZED (grams)	1.5	1	5.05	7.55
HEROIN SEIZED (grams)	7.7	2 (cc's)	4.37	12.07
METH SEIZED (grams)	4.5	0	106.36	110.86
OTHER DRUGS SEIZED (INCLUDING PARAPHERNALIA AND ILLEGAL PILLS)	383	76	396	855
CUSTODIAL ARRESTS	151	23	111	285
DEPLOYMENTS	197	157	167	521



K9 Tim



K9 Franz



K9 Kai

Detective Division

The Sheriff's Office Detective Division is focused on advocating for victims while conducting fair, transparent and impartial investigations. We believe the best way to serve our community is through preparation and proactive police strategies.

The Detective Division has established itself as a regional and state leader in various multi-agency task forces and collaborative law enforcement efforts. We are currently a local affiliate for Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), leaders in the Winnebago County Unified Child Abduction Response Team (CART), an active participant in the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Unit (LWAM) as well as the more localized Winnebago Drug Enforcement Unit (WDEU).



Our Detective Division remains the driving force behind the Winnebago County Unified Child Abduction Response Team (CART) designed specifically for child abduction scenarios.

In 2016, The Winnebago County Unified CART partnered with Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and conducted a full scale training exercise on the EAA grounds. In excess of 75 law enforcement and civilian personnel from 15 different agencies participated in this full day event. The Winnebago County CART has established itself as a model for other CARTs throughout the state to emulate.



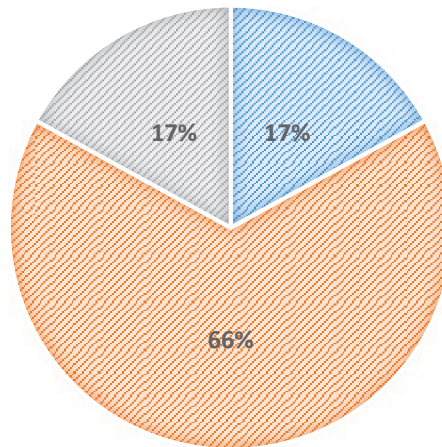


The Detective Division continues to focus on child predators working as part of the nationwide Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. Considerable time, effort and training has been put into the ICAC initiative which led to the arrest and charging of 24 individuals in 2016 for child exploitation crimes. Detectives and our Crime Analyst receive specialized training in the use of undercover investigations and high technology resources to combat child exploitation in Winnebago County and throughout the world. An operation spanning just four days in the month of September resulted in the arrest and charging of eight local individuals for child exploitation offenses.

2016 ICAC ARRESTS

■ Child Pornography ■ Local Traveler * ■ Out of State Referrals

*Local Travelers are those who intend to meet with a juvenile for sexual relations



Child Pornography	4
Local Traveler	16
Out of State Referrals	4

Sheriff's Office ICAC investigators were recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Justice and sent to the 2016 Crimes Against Children National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Training materials created by our ICAC unit were utilized at this national level consortium to teach tactics and best practices of child exploitation investigations.

The success of the Detective Division ICAC unit was again acknowledged through an invitation to teach at the 2016 Wisconsin Department of Justice ICAC School. This training had a large audience of investigators, analysts and attorneys from throughout the State of Wisconsin all of whom are working to combat child exploitation.



LWAM & Winnebago Drug Enforcement Unit (WDEU)

Once again in 2016, the focus of the Winnebago Drug Enforcement Unit (WDEU) was the rampant heroin abuse affecting our community. As an active participant in the Wisconsin Department of Justice's COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force, the WDEU was given additional resources to investigate heroin and opiate related crimes.



The Detective Division spearheaded the arrest of a major heroin dealer that relocated to the Fox Valley area to sell his product. The dealer was linked to three heroin overdoses in Winnebago County which resulted in two deaths. Federal charges were brought against the drug dealer and he was subsequently convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Winnebago Drug Enforcement Unit	
Substance	Quantity
Marijuana	74.83 lbs.
Marijuana Plants	44
Prescription Drugs	94 Doses
Heroin	39.82 Grams
Cocaine	18.8 Grams
Methamphetamines	6.44 Grams
Suboxone/OxyContin	140 Doses
LSD	13 Doses
Lake Winnebago Area MEG Unit	
Substance	Quantity
Marijuana	157 lbs.
Heroin	203 Grams
Cocaine	359 Grams
Crack Cocaine	144 Grams
Methamphetamines	6.44 Grams

Corrections Division

The Corrections Division is comprised of the Jail, Work Release Unit and Court Services Unit.

- The Jail is a 355 bed Direct Supervision facility which provides a safe and secure environment for incarcerated persons. The operational capacity of the facility is 320 inmates.
- The Work Release Unit oversees pre and post-conviction programming and alternatives to incarceration such as: Work Release, Community Service, Electronic Monitoring, 24/7 Sobriety-Alcohol, and 24/7 Sobriety-Drugs.
- The Court Services Unit is responsible for courthouse security, prisoner transportation, interstate extraditions, and video court appearances.

The Corrections Division is comprised of the following staff:

- (1) Captain
- (3) Lieutenants
- (6) Sergeants
- (6) Corporals
- (69) Deputies
- (1) Work Release Unit Supervisor
- (1) GPS Coordinator
- (2) Classification Coordinators
- (3) Account Clerks
- (12) Booking/Security Clerks



The 24/7 Alcohol Sobriety Program that the Sheriff's Office began in 2011 has been proven to be a successful initiative that diverts participants from jail and ensures absolute sobriety through constant monitoring. To date, over 1,000 people have been placed on our program for OWI related cases with a re-arrest rate of 8%. Compared to non-program participants, the historical recidivism rate for OWI offenses is 29%.

Based on the success of our pilot program, legislation was passed permitting other law enforcement agencies statewide to develop their own 24/7 Sobriety Program to include use post-conviction.



WI Statute DOC 350.21 requires all jails to establish and maintain an objective prisoner classification system to determine prisoner custody status and housing assignment, and develop eligibility criteria for prisoner participation in available work assignments, programs, and community service projects.

In 2016, the Corrections Division upgraded its classification process by purchasing classification software to replace its outdated system. After researching and testing various programs, the COMPAS Classification program was purchased from Northpointe, Inc. During the fall of 2016, staff was trained on the program's functions and we went live in December of 2016.



COMPAS Classification effectively and efficiently classifies offenders into one of three security levels. To assist in selecting the appropriate housing for each offender, COMPAS also assigns the offender a custody level within the security level to better describe the offender populations within three security levels. Our direct supervision facility separates offenders into three discrete levels – Maximum, Medium, and Minimum security. Other features in the COMPAS Classification software include: Initial Classification (medical screening, officer observations, suicide risk, and mental health pre-screeners), PREA Assessment and Incident Reporting, Classification Review, Inmate Housing Plan and Management, Disciplinary Tracking, Gang Tracking, Inmate Needs Assessment, and Program Tracking.

In 2016, the Corrections Division also updated its custody manual utilizing the Lexipol web based program. Lexipol provides more than 150 policies based on federal and state statutes, case law, regulations and best practices. The Lexipol policy manual is written by legal and public safety professionals who constantly monitor major court decisions, legislation and emerging trends affecting our industry. Lexipol provides regular updates in response to legislative mandates, case law and the evolution of best practices. The Lexipol policy and training system will help the Division reduce risk and stay ahead of litigation trends, while at the same time communicates clear and concise policy guidance to our employees.



2016 Jail Population Statistics by Month (Average Daily Population)

Month	Sentenced Inmates	Non-Sentenced Inmates	Felony Probation Holds	Misdemeanor Probation Holds	Extended Probation Sanctions	Working Huber Inmates
January	107.65	86.32	40.58	17.94	28.32	20.71
February	133.00	82.00	39.03	11.48	21.66	26.76
March	124.42	87.97	36.35	16.68	27.90	19.87
April	115.10	86.20	44.30	16.50	24.73	20.47
May	117.35	94.03	42.45	15.00	30.84	25.58
June	112.13	84.60	43.53	17.33	21.70	26.43
July	105.35	88.97	45.16	21.10	14.32	23.45
August	106.81	91.26	53.58	13.45	18.29	23.77
September	110.07	83.33	54.93	18.97	22.77	22.70
October	104.48	87.29	52.55	17.84	25.23	22.55
November	101.77	84.07	49.47	19.27	23.07	19.33
December	90.52	84.45	50.16	12.74	16.13	20.13
Monthly Avg.	110.72	86.71	46.01	16.52	22.91	22.65

Jail Population 5 Year Comparison

Year	Average Daily Population	Admissions	Male	Female	Average Length of Stay (Days)
2012	305.07	6,348	77.71%	22.29%	17.54
2013	297.94	6,402	78.58%	21.42%	16.99
2014	286.66	5,714	77.93%	22.07%	18.39
2015	275.19	5,515	76.90%	23.10%	18.20
2016	293.58	5,983	74.86%	25.12%	17.91



2016 Work Release Unit Program Participation (Average Daily Population)

	Electronic Monitoring Inmates	24/7 Sobriety- Alcohol	24/7 Sobriety- Drug
January	23.94	75.5	14.45
February	26.48	68.34	19.83
March	34.03	75.29	20.52
April	41.87	70.5	20.13
May	36.42	69.71	21.26
June	25.73	69.73	24.2
July	29.42	75.19	24.1
August	21.9	74.52	21.74
September	26.37	78.4	20.23
October	28.16	68.16	20.16
November	26.4	62	23.43
December	23.26	68.29	18.71
Monthly Average	28.665	71.3025	20.73



2016 Prisoner Transportation

	Adult Transports	Juvenile Transports
Persons Transported	2,047	339
Miles Driven	133,702	31,642

Communications Division

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office operates a county-wide Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), or Communications Center. The Winnebago County PSAP is a call center responsible for answering calls requesting police, fire and emergency medical services. The PSAP operates 24 hours a day dispatching emergency services, while acting as the initial point of contact for citizens in need of assistance.

The Winnebago County PSAP works in conjunction with FoxComm, which is a regional partnership for public safety communications consisting of Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties. Over 25 law enforcement agencies, 57 fire departments, 29 EMS districts and three 9-1-1 PSAPs are represented through the three-county consortium.

The Winnebago County PSAP handles emergency and non-emergency call taking, radio communications and dispatch services for all law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service providers within Winnebago County to include:

- 9 law enforcement agencies
- 14 fire departments
- 12 first responder groups
- 1 ambulance service



The Winnebago County PSAP is overseen by the Administrative Captain and the Communications Lieutenant. There are 31 dispatchers who operate the PSAP, with a minimum of 5 dispatchers working each shift. The average level of experience of the dispatchers currently on staff is over 15 years of service.

In 2016 the Winnebago County PSAP handled 171,811 incoming and outgoing telephone calls while averaging 470 phone calls per day, or 157 phone calls per shift.

In 2016 the Winnebago County PSAP dispatched 157,541 calls for service to police, fire and emergency medical services while averaging 432 calls for service per day, or 144 calls for service per shift.

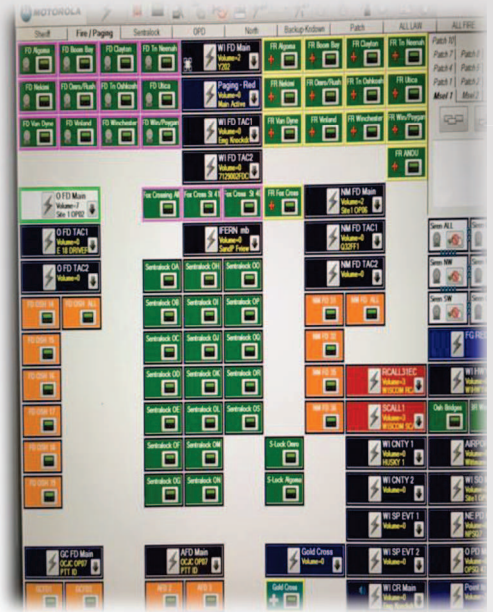
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Communications Center Annual Statistics

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
911 Landline	8,743	9,078	10,690	10,519	11,164
911 Wireless	32,201	31,130	33,853	33,319	33,844
Total 911 Calls	40,944	40,208	44,543	43,838	45,008
Non-emergency calls	89,616	92,135	87,043	95,528	98,946
Outbound calls	41,251	46,660	52,498	51,003	52,597
Total calls handled	171,811	179,003	184,084	184,276	193,133
Calls for service	157,541	158,264	150,172	149,251	149,251

All dispatchers within the PSAP undergo an extensive training program to include a minimum of:

- 1,070 hours of on the job training
- 8 hours of CPR
- 32 hours of TIME system certification
- 24 hours of Emergency Medical Dispatch
- 24 hours of continuing education every 2 years

The dispatchers in the Winnebago County PSAP are responsible for continuously monitoring 6 primary radio talk groups assigned to law enforcement and fire departments within Winnebago County. The primary talk groups are used for both emergency and non-emergency radio communications. Additionally, the PSAP monitors multiple regional and statewide radio frequencies that provide interoperability between agencies within Winnebago County and the rest of the state. There are more than 100 radio talk groups and frequencies programmed into the Winnebago County radio system that are managed by the PSAP.



Above is a screen shot of radio frequencies that a dispatcher selects from when activating emergency responders

When to use 9-1-1

9-1-1 is only to be used in emergency situations. An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from law enforcement, fire or emergency medical services. If you are in doubt of whether or not a situation is an emergency, you should call 9-1-1. It is better to be safe and let the 9-1-1 call taker determine if you need emergency assistance.

Help 9-1-1 help you

- Knowing when to call and what to expect when you call 9-1-1 can help reduce fear and feelings of helplessness in an emergency.
- In an emergency, seconds matter, so being knowledgeable and prepared can make the difference.
- Try to stay calm, listen carefully, give information and follow instructions.
- You can save a life! Follow all instructions the 9-1-1 call taker gives you, and don't hang up until the call taker does.

Do not call 9-1-1

- For information
- For directory assistance
- When you are bored and just want to talk
- For paying traffic tickets
- For your pet
- For a prank

If you call 9-1-1 by mistake, do not hang up. Tell the call taker what happened so they know there isn't really an emergency.

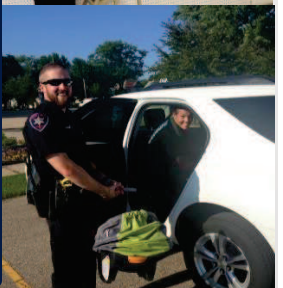
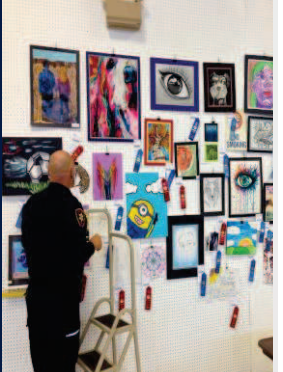


Community Relations



The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is committed to serving the citizens of Winnebago County. Members of the Sheriff's Office recognize building community relationships is the key to proactive policing. Members of the Sheriff's Office regularly participate in community events and programs such as:

- No Time for Crime (39 Schools/1,536 third graders served)
- DARE (5 Districts/10 Schools)
- Daily School Visits
- Regular attendance at Town Board, Town Fire Department, and First Responder Meetings
- Agency Tours
- Winnebago County Social Media Coalition
- Social Media Presentations to Parents via Schools
- Fox Valley Safe Kids Coalition (car seat installations)
- Teen Safe Team Coalition
- Heroin Task Force





Community Relations continued...

- Crime Stoppers
- File of Life
- Security Surveys (residential and business)
- Safe Routes to School
- Job Fairs/recruitment events
- Holiday Parade
- Special Olympics events - Torch Run, Polar Plunge
- Neighborhood Watch
- Downtown Rotary
- County Fair Booth
- 911 Phone program
- Party at the PAC
- Parents are the Key
- Lunch with a Cop
- Men Who Cook
- Mid-Morning Kiwanis
- BEAMING



Citizens Academy

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office held its inaugural Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy over 13 weeks in the fall of 2016. The focus of the Citizen's Academy was to allow the 12 selected community members to see firsthand the inner workings of the Sheriff's Office. Each week focused on a different aspect of the Sheriff's Office along with the tasks and responsibilities of various positions within the Sheriff's Office. Academy participants spent time with each major operational component of the Sheriff's Office, which included Patrol, Corrections, and Dispatch. Participants also got a taste of the inner workings of the Detective Division, and various special teams.

The Citizen's Academy was very well received by the participants, the members of the Sheriff's Office who assisted, and the community at large. The Sheriff's Office plans to offer a second Citizen's Academy class in the fall of 2017. Follow our social media pages for information on how to apply to participate in this program. The second session is sure to fill up quickly!



Summer Events

Winnebago County hosts several events during the summer months that require additional personnel beyond the normal staffing levels for the Sheriff's Office. Because of these events, the Sheriff's Office restricts time off during specified periods to accommodate the additional responsibilities. The labor costs associated with each event is reimbursed by the promoter of the event.

Country USA

Country USA is held at the Ford Festival Park located primarily in the Town of Nekimi. This event is staffed 24 hours per day by the Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services to the festival grounds.

In 2016, an average of 44 Deputies were scheduled to work during a typical day. The majority of Deputies worked 11 hour shifts. This included members from the Command Staff, Detectives, Patrol Deputies, law enforcement certified Corrections Deputies, and Reserve Deputies. Five Dispatchers were also dedicated to the event per day.

Deputies working the event responded to 493 calls for service. As a result of these calls, the following law enforcement action was taken:

CITATIONS		CUSTODIAL ARRESTS (Primary Charge)	
287	Underage Alcohol	2	Physical Abuse Child
2	Procuring Alcohol	1	Felony Bail Jumping
14	Disorderly Conduct	4	Disorderly Conduct
1	Theft	1	OWI
2	Battery	2	Resisting/Obstructing
6	ID Violations	5	Misc. Warrants
12	Obstructing		
2	Poss. Marijuana		
3	Poss. Drug Paraphernalia		
329	TOTAL CITATIONS	15	TOTAL CUSTODIAL ARRESTS



The promotor of the event estimates that approximately 1,975 campsites were sold for the event, slightly fewer than in 2015. CUSA management also estimated that the attendance for the event was 155,000 people.

Rock USA

Rock USA was also held at the Ford Festival Park located primarily in the Town of Nekimi. This event is staffed 24 hours per day by the Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services to the festival grounds.

In 2016, an average of 43 Deputies were scheduled to work during a typical day. The majority of Deputies worked 11 hour shifts. This included members from the Command Staff, Detectives, Patrol Deputies, law enforcement certified Corrections Deputies, and Reserve Deputies. Three Dispatchers were also dedicated to the event per day.

Deputies working the event responded to 126 calls for service. As a result of these calls, the following law enforcement action was taken:



The promotor of the event estimates that approximately 1,825 campsites were sold for the event.

ORDINANCE CITATIONS		CUSTODIAL ARRESTS (Primary Charge)	
Underage Alcohol	11	Disorderly Conduct	2
Disorderly Conduct	1		
Poss. THC	2		
Poss. Drug Paraphernalia	2		
Totals	16	Totals	2

RUSA management estimated that the overall attendance for the event was 72,000 people.

EAA AirVenture

EAA AirVenture was held on the EAA grounds and Wittman Regional Airport in the City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi. This event is staffed 24 hours per day by the Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services to the event grounds.

In 2016, an average of 10 Deputies were scheduled to work during a typical day with shifts varying from 8 to 10 hours. Deputies assigned to the event included members from the Command Staff, Patrol Deputies and Reserve Deputies. In 2016, EAA AirVenture continued to draw large crowds estimated to be 563,000 over the 8 day duration. EAA management estimated that more than 10,300 campsites were used during the event. Deputies working the event responded to 91 calls for service. As a result of these calls for service the following enforcement action was taken:



CITATIONS		CUSTODIAL ARRESTS (Primary Charge)	
1	Underage Alcohol	1	Disorderly Conduct
4	Disorderly Conduct	1	OWI
1	Obstructing	1	Misc. Warrant
6	Totals	3	Totals

Specialty Teams

Honor Guard

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard is comprised of 11 deputies who represent the agency at police memorial services, funeral services, annual parades and processions and posting of colors at community events.

Each May during National Police Week, the Honor Guard attends the Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Madison, which honors fallen officers. Events in Washington D.C. during this week draw 25,000 to 40,000 attendees from departments throughout the United States and the world.

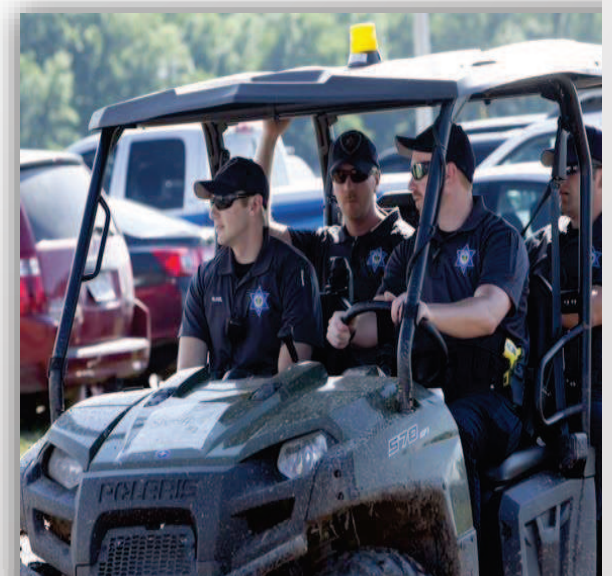


Tactical Response Unit

The Winnebago County Tactical Response Unit is comprised of deputies who are trained to respond to large civil disturbances and riots for the purposes of crowd control. The team focuses on utilizing group tactics, special protective equipment and formations to direct and control large gatherings of people to protect lives and property. Members receive annual training in crowd control tactics and must pass a yearly fitness test.

The Tactical Response Unit provides the majority of law enforcement services during the Country USA and Rock USA music festivals. The team is also on call 24 hours a day and will respond to any large-scale disturbance whenever requested to assist.

Current membership includes 33 deputies from Command Staff, Corrections, Patrol and the Detective Divisions of the Sheriff's Office.



S.W.A.T. Team

(Special Weapons and Tactics)

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Regional SWAT Team is comprised of 15 members from multiple jurisdictions:

- 11 Deputies
- 2 Officers from the City of Menasha Police Dept.
- 1 Officer from the City of Omro Police Dept.
- 1 Wisconsin State Patrol Trooper



SWAT Team members are on call 24-hours a day and are required to respond to critical incidents at a moment's notice. SWAT responsibilities are in addition to their regular daily job duties. SWAT team members train 16-hours per month and attend specialized schooling in order to maintain a high-level of proficiency.

The SWAT Team works in conjunction with 10 Crisis Negotiators and Command Post personnel to resolve high-risk incidents within Winnebago County as well as surrounding law enforcement agencies through mutual aid requests. Typical incident call types include:

- Armed Barricaded Subjects
- Armed Suicidal Subjects
- Armored Rescue Vehicle Operations
- Tactical Tracking and Woodland Terrain Operations
- Hostage Rescue Situations
- High-Risk Search/Arrest Warrants
- High-Risk Security Operations
- Other situations where the likelihood of armed resistance appears great



The State of Wisconsin has designated the Winnebago County SWAT Team as a Tier 1 SWAT Team which serves as one of eight Regional SWAT Teams for the State under the ALERT System (Aligned Law Enforcement Response Team). This designation places specific requirements on team members for training, fitness and operational abilities.

As a Regional Team, Winnebago County receives funding for equipment and training through the Department of Homeland Security.

Accident Reconstruction Team

The primary responsibility of the Accident Reconstruction Team is to respond to serious injury and fatal accidents and to gather empirical evidence to aid in determining if criminal charges are warranted. Team members receive extensive training so that a determination can be made of the sequence of events associated with the crash and assist in development of the case.

The Accident Reconstruction Team Consists of:

- 1 Team Leader
- 1 Assistant Team Leader
- 2 Reconstructionists
- 3 Deputies
- 1 Assistant District Attorney



The team primarily uses Total Station equipment to capture measurements of distance, vertical angles, and horizontal angles. The Sheriff's Office has also partnered with Fox Valley Technical College to house and use their Leica Scanstation C-10. This cutting edge technology scans the scene with a laser to map and photograph the crash or crime scene.

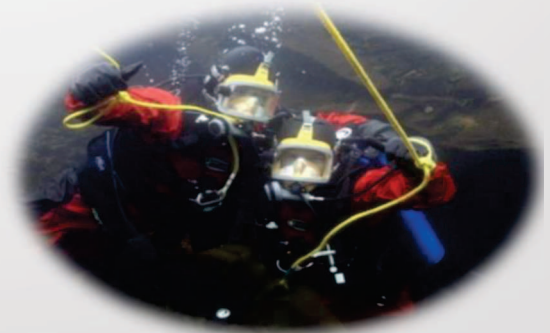
The team responds to incidents where they have primary jurisdiction, as well as assists local police agencies within Winnebago County when needed. In 2016, the Accident Reconstruction Team was utilized seven times.

Dive Team

The Sheriff's Office Dive Team responds to rescue/recovery operations in the waterways of Winnebago County. They are trained and equipped to conduct surface search operations, open water operations, and recover evidence.

The Dive Team utilizes specialized equipment including high definition side imaging sonar, infrared underwater camera, underwater metal detector, underwater communications system, positive pressure full facemasks, and protective dry suits for diving in contaminated or cold water. Depending on the nature of the response, the team utilizes Sheriff's Office marine units as needed.

The Dive Team consists of 10 deputies who are on-call 24 hours per day and perform dive duties in addition to their regular work assignments. In 2016, there were 4 calls for service that necessitated a response by the Dive Team.



Chaplains

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Program is comprised of 15 clergy members who respond at the request of deputies to provide spiritual guidance, pastoral counseling, ministry, and comfort to those experiencing a loss. Members of the program are assigned at least one on-call day per month. Their service is voluntary and they are committed to assisting citizens in their time of need.



In June, the Sheriff's Office hosted an American Police Chaplains Association training for clergy members from law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin. Approximately 30 participants attended the course. The training served as both an initial training for new law enforcement chaplains as well as a refresher course for those with experience.

Many topics were covered during the class, including best practices for chaplain programs, integration into law enforcement agencies, community involvement, and safety for chaplains while they are functioning as an extension of the agency.



Social Media

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is currently active on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Social Media has been a great tool for the community and relaying important messages to them in regards to traffic related incidents, missing people notifications, job postings, etc. If you have any suggestions, please contact us as we are always looking for ways we can improve our communication with the community.



Richard A. Meyer

End of Watch

November 13, 2003

We Will Never Forget