

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



2017 marks the 5th edition of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office annual report. While many things have changed over this time period, the goals of this publication to provide transparency of operations and recap our efforts to make Winnebago County a great place to live, work, and play remain the same.

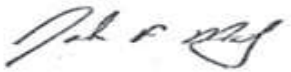
As a public safety provider, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is engaged in high-stakes business. I am keenly aware that the cornerstone of providing effective and efficient services begins and ends with the competency of our staff. However, in a flourishing economy, attracting qualified applicants willing to work shift work and make personal sacrifices for the greater good is a struggle that is occurring at both the national and local level.

If you or someone you know is interested in a profession that allows you to make a tangible difference in your community, I would encourage seeking employment with our Agency. In addition to traditional law enforcement positions, the Sheriff's Office has non-sworn opportunities in our 911 Communications Center and Jail Division as civilian support staff.

For further information, please visit:

<https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sheriff/employment/hiring-process>

Best Regards,



John F. Matz, Sheriff



Deputy Hathaway and Deputy Wagner at the Career Fair

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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**



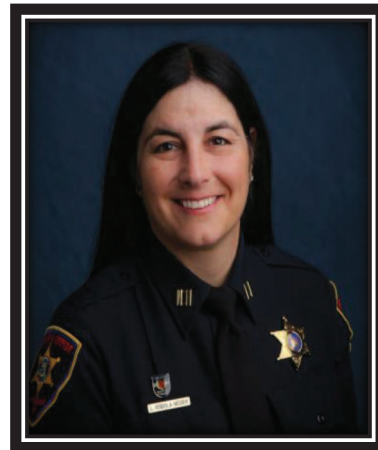
**Captain of Administration
Greg Cianciolo**



**Captain of Corrections
Todd Christie**



**Captain of Detectives
David Mack**



**Captain of Patrol
Lara Vendola-Messer**

PATROL

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division is the primary response for police services for citizens in Winnebago County.

The Patrol Division has an authorized compliment of 46 uniformed deputies. Division members include:

- 1 - Captain
- 1 - Administrative Lieutenant
- 8 - Shift Lieutenants
- 36 - Patrol Deputies



The Patrol Division provides a wide array of services to the citizens of Winnebago County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Sheriff's Office has primary jurisdiction for unincorporated towns within Winnebago County as well as all waterways and county, state, and interstate highways. Deputies are assigned to the same geographical area of the county throughout the year, which allows them to have specific knowledge of their assigned area, the citizens within the area, and its businesses. As such, deputies within the Patrol Division are highly visible, accessible, and responsive to the specific needs of those communities. Deputies can frequently be seen at town board and community meetings in an effort to address concerns and provide information to residents.

In 2017, deputies responded to calls for service and engaged in proactive contacts that covered a vast array of quality of life issues, problem solving opportunities, community policing efforts, crash investigation, and criminal conduct. Additionally, deputies are the initial response to many incidents, which include command and control of major emergency situations. The Patrol Division is also responsible for the majority of staffing needs at several special events each year.

Furthermore, each Shift Lieutenant and every Patrol Deputy has a wide array of collateral duties assigned to them. From special team assignments to unique certifications to specialized unit assignments, deputies have a collective knowledge base that is highly sought after.



Deputy Schwerke and Deputy Rollo visiting the kids at school!

CALLS FOR SERVICE 5 YEARS AT A GLANCE	
	YEARLY TOTAL
2013	42,802
2014	44,714
2015	51,397
2016	48,110
2017	45,960



2017 CALLS FOR SERVICE			
	OFFICER INITIATED	REPORTED	MONTHLY TOTAL
JANUARY	2,737	1,269	4,006
FEBRUARY	2,549	1,109	3,658
MARCH	2,963	1,227	4,190
APRIL	2,362	1,215	3,577
MAY	2,591	1,430	4,021
JUNE	2,637	1,589	4,226
JULY	2,388	1,733	4,121
AUGUST	2,303	1,421	3,724
SEPTEMBER	2,535	1,273	3,808
OCTOBER	2,296	1,418	3,714
NOVEMBER	2,290	1,209	3,499
DECEMBER	2,162	1,254	3,416
YEARLY TOTAL	29,813	16,147	45,960

2017 ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS					
	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	OWI ARRESTS	ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	GRANT ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS	MONTHLY TOTAL
JANUARY	327	12	17	45	401
FEBRUARY	290	10	7	54	361
MARCH	404	18	16	96	534
APRIL	302	14	14	80	410
MAY	335	22	17	74	448
JUNE	282	24	10	62	378
JULY	296	25	29	20	370
AUGUST	227	17	5	66	315
SEPTEMBER	269	15	28	35	347
OCTOBER	265	21	26	0	312
NOVEMBER	242	24	18	45	329
DECEMBER	201	16	27	15	259
YEARLY TOTAL	3,440	218	214	592	4,464



ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS 5 YEARS AT A GLANCE		
	CITATIONS	OWI ARRESTS
2013	3,820	224
2014	4,127	234
2015	4,168	225
2016	4,002	215
2017	4,464	218

2017 CRASH HISTORY				
	PROPERTY DAMAGE	INJURIES	FATALITIES	MONTHLY TOTAL
JANUARY	176	36	1	213
FEBRUARY	99	28	1	128
MARCH	112	29	0	141
APRIL	84	26	0	110
MAY	98	20	0	118
JUNE	131	22	0	153
JULY	119	23	0	142
AUGUST	94	17	1	112
SEPTEMBER	91	27	1	119
OCTOBER	140	24	1	165
NOVEMBER	158	29	1	188
DECEMBER	188	27	0	215
YEARLY TOTAL	1,490	308	6	1,804

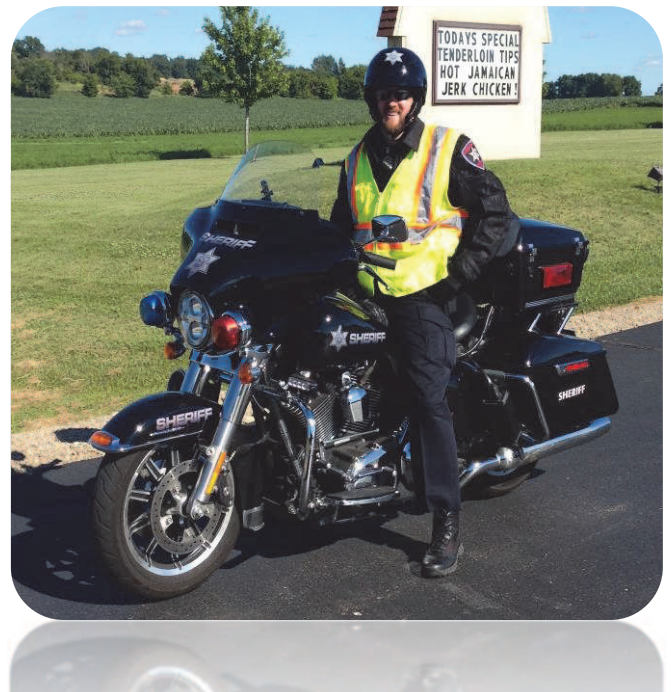


CRASH HISTORY			
5 YEARS AT A GLANCE			
	TOTAL CRASHES (INCLUDES INJURY)	FATAL CRASHES	YEARLY TOTAL
2013	2,043	9	2,052
2014	2,111	9	2,120
2015	1,836	1	1,837
2016	1,978	7	1,985
2017	1,798	6	1,804

Motorcycle Patrol

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office implemented the Motorcycle Patrol within the Patrol Division in 2009. The Sheriff's Office has one Harley Davidson motorcycle in the fleet. The program has one supervisor and one specially trained deputy.

Motorcycle Patrol is utilized to patrol high traffic areas and respond to vehicle crashes on Interstate 41 and county highways. The motorcycle is also used at various community events and has been an excellent addition to the Sheriff's Office continuous involvement within the community.



Snowmobile Patrol



The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office utilizes two Ski Doo snowmobiles to conduct Snow Patrol operations. The Patrol covers approximately 200 miles of recreational trails as well as all frozen bodies of water throughout Winnebago County. 2017 was a low snow year which resulted in 9 citations and 4 warnings. The most common violations were failure to display registration.

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

Boat Patrol

Pursuant to State Statute, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for law enforcement and rescue/recovery efforts on all 140 square miles of navigable waters within Winnebago County.

The Boat Patrol Unit is comprised of three boats. Each boat is staffed with two deputies during the navigational season, predominately weekends, holidays, and special events between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

2017 Boat Patrol Numbers:

132 - Citations

213 - Warnings

290 - Safety Inspections

6 - Search and Rescue Operations

1,059 - Boat hours worked



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 Rescue/Recovery Team also utilizes the boats for dive operations.

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

K9 UNIT



K9 Franz a day after surgery

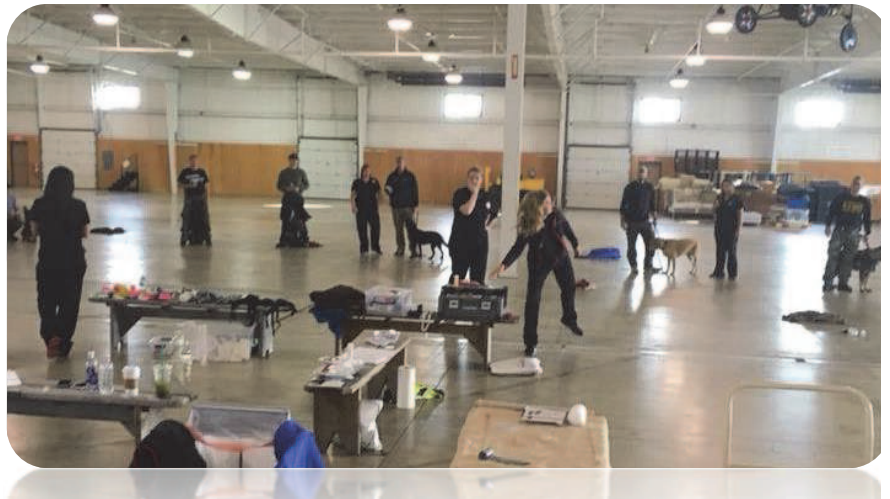


K9 Franz at rehab

2017 was again a very successful, albeit challenging year for the Winnebago County K9 program.

In January, Deputy Zill noticed K9 Franz limping. It was determined that Franz had a torn CCL, which is the equivalent of an ACL in people. Franz was referred to the UW Madison Veterinary Clinic where he underwent surgery to repair the tear. Franz spent the next 12 weeks recovering from the surgery and rehabbing through the UW Madison Veterinary Clinic. Franz went back to full active duty in May. In December, the vets at UW Madison noticed a growth near the surgery site. A steel plate that had been used during Franz's CCL surgery became infected, which required a less invasive second surgery to remove the plate, thus ensuring the infection does not reoccur. Franz had the plate removed in January 2018 and is currently recovering.

From October 1st-4th, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Oshkosh Police Department, hosted the annual Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association (WLECHA) training conference. There were 160 people who participated in the event, including 120 K9s and their police officer handlers from across the state, decoys, and other volunteers. Our K9 handlers worked to create several different scenarios to challenge the police K9 teams at various locations throughout Winnebago County. This massive hands-on working conference was the largest ever in the state and took several months to plan and organize.



Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association (WLECHA) 2017 Training Conference



2017 K9 STATISTICS				
	K9 FRANZ*	K9 KAI	K9 TIM	TOTAL
BUILDING CLEAR OR SEARCH	4	4	1	9
SCHOOL OR BUILDING SNIFFS	6	22	16	44
TRACK	4	3	0	7
VEHICLE SNIFFS	73	57	140	270
ASSIST DEPARTMENTS	32	15	52	99
SPECIAL EVENTS / DEMONSTRATIONS	4	13	7	24
MONEY SEIZED	\$1,000.00	\$4,800.00	\$5,234.00	\$11,034.00
THC SEIZED (grams)	157	37.4	229.1	423.5
COCAINE SEIZED (grams)	11	2	41.15	54.15
HEROIN SEIZED (grams)	21.5	0	22.1	43.6
METH SEIZED (grams)	67	41.3	5.85	114.15
OTHER DRUGS SEIZED (INCLUDING PARAPHERNALIA AND ILLEGAL PILLS)	192	65	325	582
CUSTODIAL ARRESTS	94	32	130	256
DEPLOYMENTS	91	115	135	341
*Franz on injured reserve for 4 months				



DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division is focused on advocating for crime victims and uses both traditional and modern investigative techniques. The division has established itself as a regional and state leader in various multi-agency task forces and collaborative law enforcement efforts.

The Detective Division is comprised of:

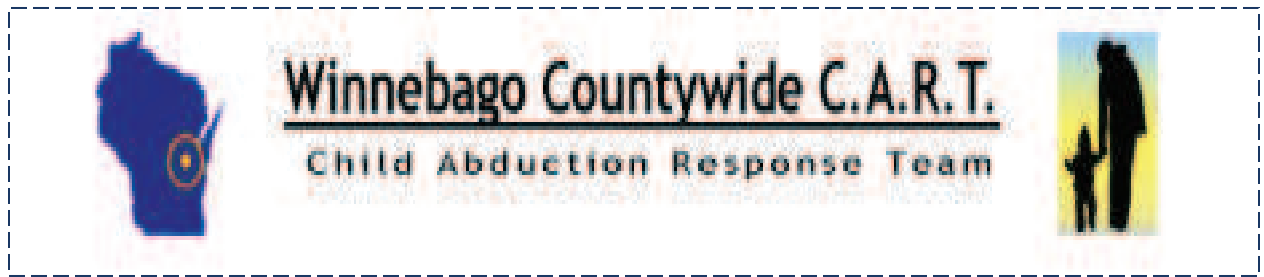
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| 1 - Captain | 1 - Lieutenant |
| 1 - Evidence Coordinator | 6 - Detectives |
| 1 - Sensitive Crimes Detective | 1 - Crime Analyst |
| 1 - Drug Investigator | 3 - Support Staff |

Winnebago Drug Enforcement Unit (WDEU)

Winnebago County continues to see an increase in Methamphetamine and Opiate cases. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid about 75 times stronger than morphine. In 2016, more than 20,000 deaths occurred in the United States due to overdoses of Fentanyl and its analogues. In May and June of 2017, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office and several other local law enforcement agencies, pieced together a very large Fentanyl conspiracy case. This case involved four (4) known fatal overdoses and potentially another half dozen non-fatal overdoses. To this point, three individuals have been indicted by the U.S. Attorney's Office, with sentencing recommendations ranging from 20+ years to Life in the federal system.



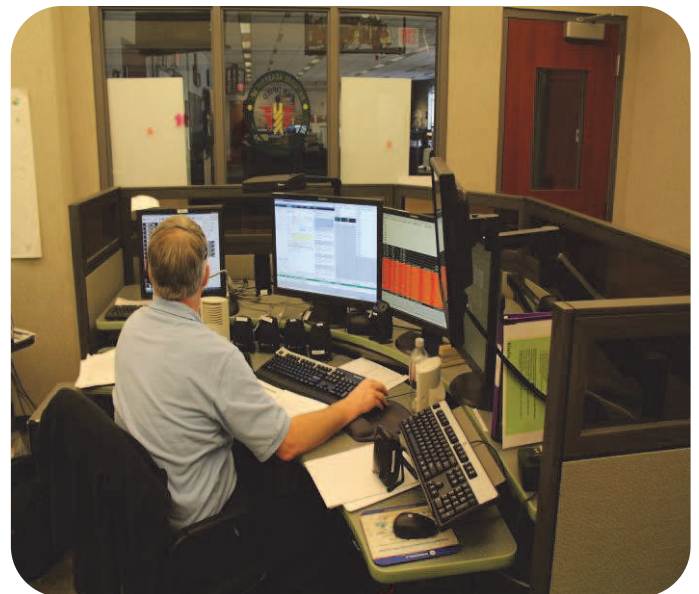
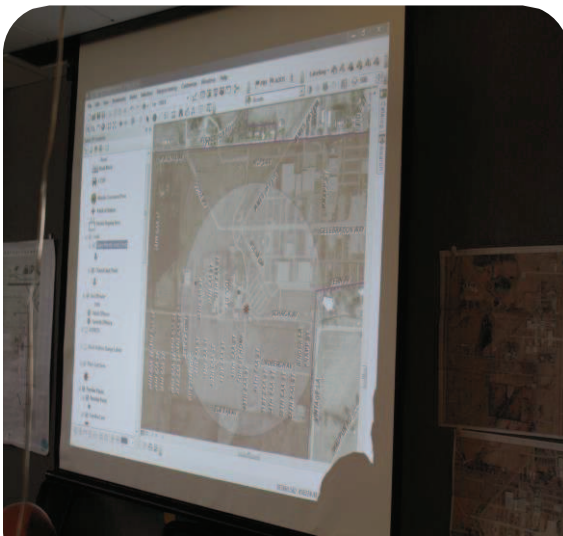
Winnebago Drug Enforcement Unit	
Substance	Quantity
Marijuana	31.38 lbs.
Marijuana Plants	125
Prescription Drugs	1015 dosage units
Heroin	13.6 grams
Fentanyl	29.5 grams
Cocaine	201.68 grams
Crack Cocaine	189.1 grams
Methamphetamines	591.8 grams
Suboxone/OxyContin	48 dosage units
LSD	5 dosage units
Lake Winnebago Area MEG Unit	
Substance	Quantity
Marijuana	Winnebago County 100.13 lbs.
Heroin	Winnebago County 56.16 grams
Fentanyl	Winnebago County 12.9 grams
Cocaine	336.97 grams
Crack Cocaine	93.2 grams
Methamphetamines	3051.52 grams



The most recent comprehensive national study estimates that 58,000 children are abducted by non-family members each year. Of these 58,000 only about 100 children are kidnapped in the stereotypical stranger abduction scenario. The Winnebago County Unified Child Abduction Response Team (C.A.R.T.) has been established to address those rare but terrifying cases where a child is abducted and does not return home. In cases where a child is abducted, the first three hours are the most critical. Studies indicate that 76.2 percent of abducted children who are killed are dead within three hours of the abduction.

In 2017, the Detective Division continued to be an integral part of the Winnebago County Unified Child Abduction Response Team, holding positions in everything from search and canvass to investigations, including key leadership roles. The Team made huge strides in 2017, developing a new investigative management computer program which was successfully tested in December during a training exercise.

GIS Mapping training for a child abduction scenario



Call Taker training for a child abduction scenario

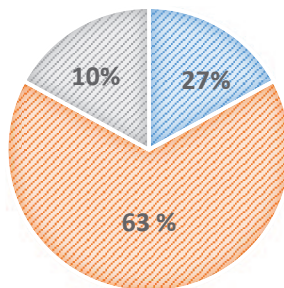
Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)



The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Detective Division is a leader in the nationwide Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. In 2017, considerable resources were put into the ICAC initiative, which led to the arrest and charging of 22 individuals for child exploitation crimes in Winnebago County. 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.

2017 ICAC ARRESTS BY TYPE

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



Child Pornography	Local Traveler	Out of State Referrals
6	14	2

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

Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a serious issue that is very prevalent in our world today. Men, women, and children are being stolen, transported, and sold without their consent in every region around the world, and Winnebago County is no exception. Establishments in our community are being utilized every day to further what has become a multi-billion dollar illegal enterprise across the country.

As part of our stated goals for 2017, several undercover operations were conducted. Most notably, in December, members of the Detective Division participated in and executed a highly technical operation resulting in the arrest of six individuals who intended to engage in human trafficking. In 2018, we are dedicated to continuing these operations and anticipate similar results.



Sheriff John Matz with Crime Analyst Michael Sewall who graduated from the Recruit Academy in October.

Michael was awarded two peer selected awards:

- ❖ Craig Birkholz Memorial Award for Leadership Excellence
- ❖ Sgt. Todd Stamper Back-Up Award

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
- (67) Deputies
- (1) Work Release Unit Supervisor
- (1) GPS Coordinator
- (2) Classification Coordinators
- (3) Account Clerks
- (14) Booking/Security Clerks



Jail Academy Graduates

Above: Deputy Veness, Deputy Shanks, & Deputy Wuest

Below: Deputy Reish & Deputy Williams



Recruit Academy Graduation

Captain Christie with Deputy Rohan



The Winnebago County Courthouse Screening Center opened on April 20, 2017. Two Booking/Security Associates and a Deputy screen all those who enter the Courthouse for weapons.

On average, approximately 450 people are screened daily. To date, over 1,200 items identified as potential weapons have been confiscated or refused admittance into the courthouse.



The Sheriff's Office began the 24/7 Alcohol Sobriety Program in 2011. This successful initiative diverts participants from jail and ensures absolute sobriety through constant monitoring. To date, over 2,000 people have been placed on our program for alcohol-related cases. The re-arrest rate for program participants is 13% compared to the state re-arrest average of 31%.

Due to the success of the alcohol monitoring program, the 24/7 Drug Sobriety Program began in 2014. There have been over 300 participants placed on the program for drug-related cases.

In 2017, the Corrections Division embarked on a multi-year project upgrading its antiquated video surveillance system. To date, a new video control server and 42 high-definition cameras have been installed. Over the course of the next two budgetary cycles, all of the remaining cameras inside the facility and on the exterior of the Sheriff's Office campus will be replaced. In total, 104 cameras will be upgraded.

The benefits of upgraded surveillance equipment include:

- Increases staff safety
- Protects against false accusations
- Helps control inmate unrest
- Reduces contraband and criminal activity
- Ensures compliance with general orders and directives



2017 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	86.06	94.48	52.51	18.87	17.32	20.93
February	87.61	91.18	50.78	22.82	17.5	19.6
March	96.16	98.42	51.52	22.10	20.19	18.74
April	95.60	99.33	58.67	21.43	19.37	20.47
May	101.48	102.29	59.93	25.13	19.16	25.39
June	103.23	114.33	59.37	24.97	21.67	24.00
July	93.68	108.00	61.94	31.03	21.77	21.33
August	106.87	107.71	64.65	30.58	19.00	19.83
September	105.20	101.43	62.50	20.90	17.73	15.27
October	105.06	111.00	66.00	23.13	19.48	19.06
November	104.07	109.97	54.70	24.54	19.60	24.07
December	106.45	106.97	57.97	14.74	17.58	18.75
Monthly Avg.	99.29	103.76	58.38	23.35	19.20	20.62



Jail Population 5 Year Comparison					
Year	Average Daily Population	Admissions	Male	Female	Average Length of Stay (Days)
2013	297.94	6402	78.58%	21.42%	16.99
2014	286.66	5714	77.93%	22.07%	18.39
2015	275.19	5515	76.90%	23.10%	18.20
2016	293.58	5983	74.86%	25.14%	17.91
2017	311.62	6394	74.95%	25.05%	17.79

2017 Work Release Unit Program Participation (Average Daily Population)			
	Electronic Monitoring Inmates	24/7 Sobriety- Alcohol	24/7 Sobriety- Drug
January	23.19	72.9	20.4
February	24.29	71.1	18.75
March	25.26	70.29	25
April	24.13	64.87	29.6
May	27.81	64.32	32.16
June	22.47	67.83	35.07
July	27.32	83.77	39.1
August	26.35	82.84	39.4
September	31.47	81.93	37.6
October	26.97	79.87	39.4
November	17.73	92.8	35.2
December	22.94	97.16	35.16
Monthly Average	24.99	77.47	32.24

2017 Prisoner Transportation		
	Adult Prisoner Transports	Juvenile Transports
Persons Transported	2,109	242
Miles Driven	126,991	24,006



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 Outagamie and Winnebago Counties.

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 including:

- 9 law enforcement agencies
- 15 fire departments
- 13 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.



Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Communications Center Annual Statistics					
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
911 Landline	8,618	8,743	9,078	10,690	10,519
911 Wireless	32,070	32,201	31,130	33,853	33,319
Total 911 Calls	40,688	40,944	40,208	44,543	43,838
Non-emergency calls	91,666	89,616	92,135	87,043	95,528
Outbound calls	40,255	41,251	46,660	52,498	51,003
Total phone calls handled	172,609	171,811	179,003	184,084	190,369
Calls for service	171,631	157,541	158,264	150,172	149,251

In 2017 the Winnebago County PSAP handled 172,609 incoming and outgoing telephone calls while averaging 473 phone calls per day, or 158 phone calls per shift.

In 2017 the Winnebago County PSAP dispatched 171,631 calls for service to police, fire and emergency medical services while averaging 470 calls for service per day, or 157 calls for service per shift.

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

- 1,070 hours of initial 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.

911 Information

911 has been designated as the “Universal Emergency Phone Number” in the United States to request emergency assistance. Its creation has established a national standardized number to provide fast and easy access to emergency services. Nationwide, 911 is called an estimated 240 million times each year, or 657,500 times each day.

When to use 911

911 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 911. It is better to be safe and let the 911 call taker determine if you need emergency assistance.

Help 911 help you

- Knowing when to call and what to expect when you call 911 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 911 call taker gives you and don't hang up until the call taker does.

Do not call 911

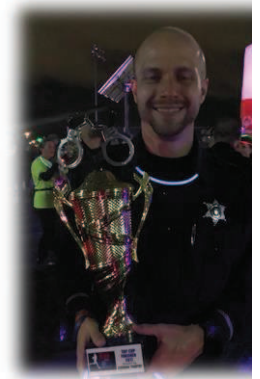
- For information
- For directory assistance
- When you are bored and just want to talk
- For paying traffic tickets
- For your pet
- For a prank

If you call 911 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 recognizes that building community relationships is a key component of proactive policing. Below are some of the community events and programs that the Sheriff's Office staff are involved:

- ❖ No Time for Crime-33 Schools/1,605 Third Graders Served
- ❖ Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) - 5 Districts/10 Schools
- ❖ Daily School Visits
- ❖ Attendance at Town Board, Town Fire Department, and First Responder Meetings
- ❖ Agency Tours
- ❖ Fox Valley Safe Kids Coalition
- ❖ Crime Stoppers
- ❖ File of Life
- ❖ ReThink
- ❖ Security Surveys (Residential and Business)
- ❖ Safe Routes to School
- ❖ Job Fairs/Recruitment Events
- ❖ Special Olympic Events - Torch Run/Polar Plunge/Truck Convoy
- ❖ Neighborhood Watch Groups (28)
- ❖ County Fair
- ❖ 911 Phone Program
- ❖ Party at the PAC
- ❖ Parents Are The Key
- ❖ Lunch With A Cop
- ❖ Men Who Cook
- ❖ BEAMING
- ❖ W.A.T.C.H. - Winnebago Area Teen Coalition For Health
- ❖ Police Unity Tour





The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, Winnebago County Health Department, Neenah High School, Oshkosh North High School, and Oshkosh West High School saw the need to provide a unified and consistent message when encouraging teens to be safe and make good decisions. To this end, in 2014 the Winnebago County Teen Safety Team was formed. Winneconne High School joined the initiative in 2016 and both Omro High School and Menasha High School joined in 2017. Financial support from Children's Hospital/Crossroads has been instrumental in expanding the coalition's footprint throughout Winnebago County.

In 2017, each of the participating schools had student-led group brainstorming sessions where safety messages were identified. The student-created messages were printed on lanyards and t-shirts and were then distributed during each school's prom week festivities. Additionally, educational programming coupled with targeted law enforcement patrols occurred around the schools to reinforce the instructed safety lessons. Messaging focused on distracted driving, impaired driving, youth passengers, seatbelt use, inexperienced nighttime driving, and speeding. The program has been well received by students, school staff, and parents alike.



In 2017, the Winnebago County Teen Safety Team, Teen Suicide Coalition, and Social Media Coalition combined their shared knowledge and resources to form WATCH (Winnebago Area Teen Coalition for Health).

The ultimate goal of WATCH. is to have participation by students at EVERY high school in Winnebago County. Future growth seeks to incorporate parents into an educational block as well as the inclusion of graduated drivers' licensing law instruction.



CITIZENS ACADEMY



The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office held its Citizens Law Enforcement Academy over 13 weeks in the fall of 2017. The focus of the Citizens 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, which included Patrol, Corrections, and Dispatch. Participants also got a taste of the inner workings of the Detective Division and various special teams.

The Citizens Academy was 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 third Citizens Academy class in the fall of 2018. Follow our social media pages for information on how to apply to participate in this program. The next 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 are reimbursed by the promoter of the event.

Country USA

Country USA 2017 was held at Ford Festival Park located primarily in the Town of Nekimi. An average of 44 officers were scheduled during a typical day of the 2017 event with the majority of them working 11 hour shifts. This included command staff, detectives, deputies, and reserve deputies from the Sheriff's Office. Five dispatchers were also utilized during the event on a daily basis.

Country USA management reported that 1,990 campsites were sold for the event, which is more than in 2016. Event management also estimated that 167,500 people attended the event over the five days.

Deputies working during Country USA responded to 458 calls for service. As a result of these calls for service, the following enforcement action was taken:



COUNTRY USA 2017

CITATIONS		CUSTODIAL ARRESTS (Primary Charge)	
202	Underage Alcohol	1	Disorderly Conduct
6	Disorderly Conduct	1	OWI
1	Battery	1	Resisting/Obstructing
3	ID Violations	3	Misc. Warrants
13	Obstructing		
2	Poss. Marijuana		
2	Poss. Drug Paraphernalia		
229	TOTAL CITATIONS	6	TOTAL CUSTODIAL ARRESTS



Rock USA

Rock USA 2017 was held at Ford Festival Park, which is located primarily in the Town of Nekimi. An average of 40 officers were scheduled during a typical day of the 2017 event with the majority of the officers working 8 hour shifts. This included command staff, detectives, deputies, and reserve deputies from the Sheriff's Office. Three dispatchers were used daily, with one dispatcher scheduled at any given time between 10 a.m. and 6 a.m. Between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m., deputies utilized the Sheriff's Office main frequency for communication.

Rock USA management estimated that attendance for the three-day event was 85,000 and included 1,900 campsites sold.

Deputies working during Rock USA responded to 132 calls for service. As a result of these calls for service, the following enforcement action was taken:



Rock USA 2017			
CITATIONS		CUSTODIAL ARRESTS (Primary Charge)	
Underage Alcohol	20	OWI	1
Procuring	1		
Poss. THC	1		
Poss. Drug Paraphernalia	2		
Totals	24		1

EAA AirVenture

EAA AirVenture was held at the EAA grounds, which is located in both the City of Oshkosh and the Town of Nekimi. An average of 10 deputies were scheduled to provide coverage for the event. The shift lengths varied based upon the assignment and scheduled events for each day. Deputies were either scheduled for an 8 or 10 hour shift with the exception of the two overnight deputies who worked a 12 hour shift. Those assigned to the event included command staff, deputies, and reserve deputies. Two dispatchers were assigned daily.

AirVenture continued to draw large crowds in 2017. The attendance for the eight day event was reported to be 700,000 people. Deputies patrolled the grounds on ATVs to efficiently respond to calls for service. It is difficult for deputies to traverse the grounds based upon the number of pedestrians and the overall size of the venue.

EAA management estimated that more than 19,200 campsites were used for 2017 AirVenture.

Deputies working during the event responded to 115 calls for service. As a result of these calls for service, the following enforcement action was taken:

EAA AirVenture 2017			
CITATIONS		CUSTODIAL ARRESTS (Primary Charge)	
5	Underage Alcohol		
2	Disorderly Conduct		
7	TOTAL CITATIONS	0	TOTAL CUSTODIAL ARRESTS



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, processions, and posting of colors at community events.

Each May during National Police Week, members from the Honor Guard attend the National 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 law enforcement through crowd control. The team focuses on utilizing group tactics along with special protective equipment and formations to direct and control large gatherings of people to protect lives and property.

The team is trained in the use of specialty equipment including wooden batons, riot control shields, chemical agents, and protective masks. In addition, they must qualify biannually in the use of the 40 mm less lethal projectile launcher. Members also receive annual training focusing on team formations and drills to direct crowds. Members must pass a yearly fitness test to maintain operational readiness.

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. In 2017, the Tactical Response Unit was not utilized for any call-out incidents.

Current membership includes 27 deputies from Administration, Corrections, Patrol, and the Detective Divisions of the Sheriff's Office.



SWAT Team (Special Weapons and Tactics)

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Multi-Jurisdiction SWAT Team is comprised of 18 members:

12 Deputies

2 Officers from the Menasha Police Dept.

2 Officers from the Village of Fox Crossing Police Dept.

1 Officer from the Omro Police Dept.

1 Officer from the Wisconsin State Patrol

SWAT Team members are on call 24 hours a day and are required to respond to a Critical Incident at a moment's notice. Their SWAT responsibilities and training are in addition to their regular job duties. Members attend specialized schools that in some cases also certify them as Instructors in the specialized training. The SWAT Team members train 16 hours per month to maintain a high level of proficiency in their specialized training.

Two of the team members are also K9 handlers for the Sheriff's Office, and the team has incorporated the use of K9s into tactical incidents. The utilization and integration of the K9s into the SWAT Team has become a valuable tool to mitigate and resolve Critical Incidents.

The SWAT Team works in conjunction with 10 Crisis Negotiators and Command Post personnel to respond to high-risk incidents within Winnebago County. In addition, the SWAT Team participates in full-scale training with the Crisis Negotiators three times a year. The SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiators also respond to Critical Incidents through mutual aid requests.



Mission Capable/Critical Incident Call Types Include:

- Hostage Rescue Situations
- Armored Rescue Vehicle Operations
- Armed Barricaded Subjects
- Armed Suicidal Subjects
- Tactical Tracking and Woodland Terrain Operations
- Waterborne SWAT Operations
- Execution of High-Risk Search / Arrest Warrants / High-Risk Apprehension Operations
- High-Risk Security Operations
- Counter Sniper / VIP Protection Details
- Other Situations Where the Likelihood of Armed Resistance Appears Great

Winnebago County is designated by the State of Wisconsin as a Tier 1 SWAT Team and serves as one of eight regional SWAT Teams for the State under the ALERT (Aligned Law Enforcement Response Team) System. 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 gather empirical evidence to aid in determining if criminal charges are warranted. Team members receive extensive training to assist them in determining the proper sequence of events associated with the crash and assist in development of the case.

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 not only responds to incidents where they have primary jurisdiction but also assists local police agencies within Winnebago County when requested. In 2017, the Accident Reconstruction Team was utilized three times in addition to assisting the Detective Division in conducting multiple vehicle downloads to gather further information regarding serious and fatal crashes.



The Accident Reconstruction Team consists of:

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

Dive Team

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Dive Team responds to requests for services in Winnebago County as well as outside the county when requested. The Team's main responsibilities are underwater evidence collection and subject rescue/recovery in the waterways of Winnebago County.

The Dive Team is currently composed of 10 members, overseen by a Lieutenant. The Team responds to emergencies on an on-call basis, and all team members have other regular duty assignments. In 2017, the Dive Team was involved in four activations which included calls within Winnebago County as well as assisting other jurisdictions.



CHAPLAINS

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office recognizes that its citizens may face personal situations that are not easily resolved. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Program is comprised of 17 clergy members.

Members of the program are assigned to at least one on-call day per month. Their service is voluntary, and when their service is requested, the Chaplain program uses members of the clergy to provide spiritual guidance, pastoral counseling, ministry, and comfort to those experiencing crisis or loss.

This year, the Chaplains hosted the Agency cookout at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office in August.



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 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.



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