

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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.

*ANNUAL REPORT
2015*

Message from Sheriff John F. Matz



Welcome to the 2015 edition of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. I hope that you find the material informative and learn more about your Sheriff's Office and how the dedicated men and women of this Agency work hard to maintain the great quality of life found in our community.

Events in the national spotlight continue to accentuate that 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.

Following a comprehensive audit of policies, procedures and protocols in December, I'm proud to report the Sheriff's Office was found to be in compliance with 211 standards and was bestowed accreditation status through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). This is quite an accomplishment considering that out of Wisconsin's 560 law enforcement agencies, only 25 police departments and two sheriff's offices have achieved this distinguished recognition.

Like it was for many of you, 2015 was a year of change at the Sheriff's Office. Most notably we welcomed an additional K9 unit, and we also enhanced our ability to protect our most vulnerable population with improved child abduction response and expanded child predator investigations.

I welcome your feedback and encourage you to interact with any member of the Sheriff's Office when you see him or her at community events throughout the year.

*Sincerely,
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



**Chief Deputy
Todd Christopherson**



**Captain of Patrol
Todd Christie**

*On my honor, I will never betray
my badge, my integrity, my
character or the public trust.*

*I will always have the courage to
hold myself and others
accountable for our actions.*

*I will always uphold the
constitution, my community, and
the agency I serve.*



**Captain of Corrections
Gregory Cianciolo**



**Captain of Detectives
David Mack**



**Captain of Administration
Mark Habeck**

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the most visible arm of the Sheriff's Office and provides a wide array of law enforcement services for the entire county 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Deputies have primary jurisdiction for the unincorporated townships within Winnebago County as well as all waterways and County, State and Interstate highways.

The County is divided into five geographic regions and deputies are assigned to the same area on a daily basis throughout the year. This practice is consistent with community policing strategies and provides for continuity of operations by allowing citizens to personally get to know the deputy assigned to the district where they live or work.

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

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



In 2015, deputies responded to calls for service and engaged in proactive contacts that covered a vast array of quality of life issues, problem solving opportunities, and criminal conduct. They are the Agency's frontline responder responsible for routine incidents as well command and control of emergency situations and special event coverage.

The Patrol Division is committed to providing quality police services while honoring our obligation to protect and serve the citizens and businesses of Winnebago County. The Division takes pride in the services provided, our partnerships with the community, and strives for professional excellence in everything we do.



2015 Calls for Services			
	OFFICER INITIATED	REPORTED	MONTHLY TOTAL
January	3,442	1,170	4,612
February	3,713	1,044	4,757
March	3,725	1,154	4,879
April	3,273	1,189	4,462
May	2,637	1,392	4,029
June	3,032	1,660	4,692
July	2,798	1,726	4,524
August	2,681	1,406	4,087
September	2,446	1,318	3,764
October	2,794	1,347	4,141
November	2,382	1,257	3,639
December	2,521	1,290	3,811
Yearly Total:	35,444	15,953	51,397



Calls for Services 5 Years at a Glance	
	Yearly Total
2011	46,772
2012	44,829
2013	42,802
2014	44,714
2015	51,397



2015 Enforcement Efforts						
	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	OWI ARRESTS	ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	GRANT ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS	MONTHLY TOTAL	
January	446	22	16	21	505	
February	367	18	20	26	431	
March	441	20	12	52	525	
April	385	19	19	37	460	
May	309	14	13	27	363	
June	372	21	13	74	480	
July	372	25	29	85	511	
August	358	11	33	67	469	
September	326	20	11	0	357	
October	299	20	15	85	419	
November	258	16	18	48	340	
December	235	19	9	35	298	
Yearly Total:	4,168	225	208	557	5,158	

Enforcement Efforts 5 Years at a Glance		
	CITATIONS	OWI ARRESTS
2011	4852	293
2012	4135	267
2013	3820	224
2014	4127	234
2015	4168	225

2015 Accident History				
	PROPERTY DAMAGE	INJURIES	FATAL	MONTHLY TOTAL
January	209	24	0	233
February	135	32	0	167
March	87	17	0	104
April	109	21	0	130
May	114	23	0	137
June	128	23	0	151
July	89	24	0	113
August	73	16	1	90
September	128	36	0	164
October	139	27	0	166
November	170	28	0	198
December	159	25	0	184
YEARLY TOTAL:	1,540	296	1	1,837



Accident History 5 Years at a Glance			
	TOTAL ACCIDENTS (INCLUDES INJURY)	FATAL ACCIDENTS	YEARLY TOTAL
2011	2365	8	2373
2012	2072	6	2078
2013	2043	9	2052
2014	2111	9	2120
2015	1836	1	1837

K9 Unit

The Sheriff's Office currently has three K9 Units that are an integral part of the Sheriff's Office operations. All K9s are German Shepherds and live with their handler when they are not working. Our K9s come from Germany and are initially selected by their handlers at the K9 training academy. K9 Units attend maintenance training twice a month and also must meet annual re-certification requirements. All K9 Units are dual certified being able to detect illegal drugs as well as perform patrol work (person tracking, building searches, area searches, handler protection, and suspect apprehension).

K9 Franz and his handler
Deputy Zill



K9 Tim and his handler
Deputy Schoonover

K9 Franz	
Building Clear or Search	4
School or Building Sniffs	11
Track	14
Vehicle Sniffs	160
Assist Departments	31
Special Event/Demonstrations	7
Money Seized	\$840.00
THC Seized	394 grams
Cocaine	1.5 grams
Heroin Seized	2 grams
Meth Seized	3.3 grams
Other Drugs Seized (Including paraphernalia and illegal pills)	249 items
Custodial Arrests	138
Deployments	201

K9 Tim	
Building Clear or Search	3
School or Building Sniffs	28
Track	9
Vehicle Sniffs	201
Assist Departments	39
Special Event/Demonstrations	9
Money Seized	\$24,302.00
THC Seized	3,193.4 grams
Cocaine	1.5 grams
Heroin Seized	8.26 grams
Meth Seized	123.8 grams
Other Drugs Seized (Including paraphernalia and illegal pills)	229 items
Custodial Arrests	112
Deployments	244



K9 Kai	
Building Clear or Search	0
School or Building Sniffs	15
Track	0
Vehicle Sniffs	33
Assist Departments	7
Special Event/Demonstrations	9
Money Seized	\$987.00
THC Seized	25 grams
Cocaine	2 grams
Other Drugs Seized (Including paraphernalia and illegal pills)	27 pills, 3 Pipes, Heroin Needles, Heroin Cooker and Grinder
Custodial Arrests	2
Vehicle Seizure	1

Through a generous donation, the Sheriff's Office added a third K9 Unit to the Patrol Division in 2015.

K9 Kai and handler Deputy Geschrei completed training in the spring of 2015 and work together on dayshift.

By adding this third unit, the Sheriff's Office is now able to deploy a K9 Unit on all three patrol shifts increasing our coverage and decreasing our K9 response time.



As a fundraising tool, the Sheriff's Office designed a stuffed toy that was available to the public for a small suggested donation.

It is our goal to fully fund future replacement of our current K9s when their work expectancy ends in 5-7 years.

Detective Division



The Detective Division's primary responsibilities include investigative follow-up for complex crimes, evidence collection and preservation, crime scene analysis and proactive investigative efforts. Staff utilize both traditional and modern investigative techniques to apprehend and hold perpetrators accountable. The division advocates for victims' rights and works to enhance the safety and security of all Winnebago County citizens.

The Detective Division is comprised of:

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



The division has established itself as a local and state leader in various multi-agency task forces and collaborative efforts to include the following:

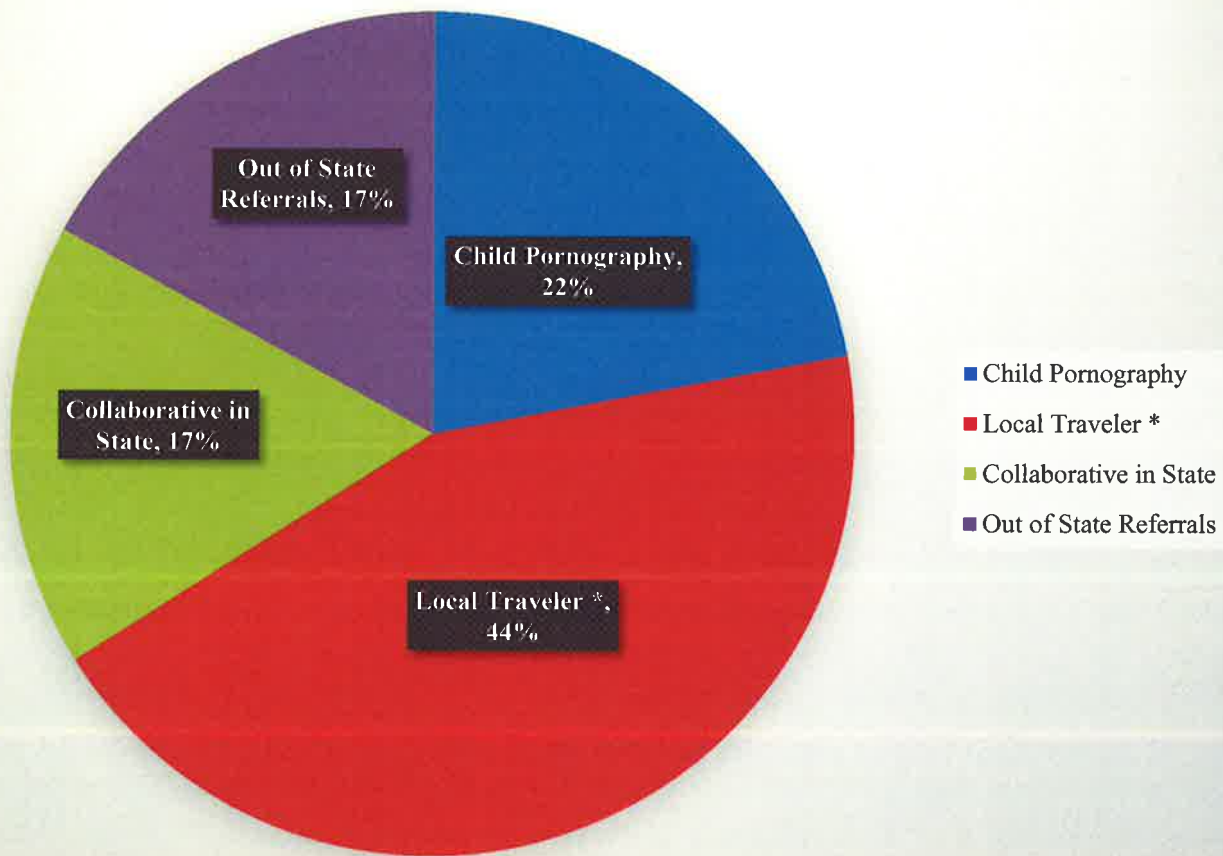
- ❖ Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)
- ❖ Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG)
- ❖ Winnebago County Unified Child Abduction Response Team (CART)
- ❖ Winnebago Drug Enforcement Unit (WDEU)





Child safety was a point of emphasis for the Sheriff's Office in 2015. Substantial resources and effort were put into expanding the Detective Division's investigative and response capabilities to protect our most vulnerable population. Detectives and our Crime Analyst use undercover investigations and high technology resources to proactively combat child exploitation. Crimes against children are often facilitated over the internet and may extend beyond Winnebago County's borders. In these instances, evidence gathered by the Sheriff's Office is turned over to the local law enforcement agency and they act on the information. To date, our efforts have led to the arrest of 16 individuals for child exploitation crimes including states as far away as Kansas, Oregon and North Carolina.

2015 ICAC Arrests BY TYPE



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



Winnebago Countywide C.A.R.T.

Child Abduction Response Team



Another child safety initiative that has been a focal point of the Detective Division's resources is the Winnebago County Unified Child Abduction Response Team (CART). While the murder of an abducted child is rare, an estimated 100 cases occur in the U.S. each year. A 2006 study indicated that 76.2% of abducted children who are killed are dead within three hours of their abduction. CART strategies are designed specifically to capitalize on this small window of opportunity and coordinates the resources of several public safety responders into one unified response.

The most recent, comprehensive national study estimates that approximately 800,000 children younger than 18 have been reported missing. Of those more than 200,000 children were abducted by family members and more than 58,000 children were abducted by nonfamily members. An estimated 115 children were the victims of "stereotypical" kidnapping in which the child did not know their abductor and was held overnight, transported 50 miles or more, killed, ransomed or held with the intent to keep the child permanently.

In 2015, the Detective Division was able to use CART principles and tactics to track down and ensure the safety of a ten month old child that had been illegally taken to Texas. The Winnebago Unified CART continues to grow and advance in its mission to keep the children of Winnebago County safe.



Winnebago Drug Enforcement Unit (WDEU)

A high priority for the Winnebago Drug Enforcement Unit (WDEU) continues to be combatting the rampant heroin issue affecting the quality of life in our community. As such, the WDEU was an active member in the Wisconsin Department of Justice's COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force. As part of this initiative, the WDEU was given additional resources to investigate heroin and opiate related crimes to include Reckless Homicide.

In May, investigators of the WDEU received credible information regarding a marijuana source located in rural Winnebago County. Through numerous surveillance operations, investigators were able to identify a residence and eventually were granted a search warrant for the property. Upon execution of the warrant investigators uncovered a grow operation and seized 475 marijuana plants, over 40 pounds of finished product, drug paraphernalia and numerous pieces of grow equipment. The approximate street value of all the material was \$1.5 million.

Winnebago Drug Enforcement Unit

<u>Substance</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Marijuana	44.7 pounds
Marijuana Plants	493
Prescription Drugs	212 doses
Heroin	58.7 grams
Crack Cocaine	8.7 grams
Suboxone	11 doses
Methamphetamines	7.2 grams

Lake Winnebago Area MEG Unit

<u>Substance</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Marijuana	172 pounds
Heroin	93 grams
Cocaine	42 grams
Crack Cocaine	78 grams
Methamphetamines	154 grams

Mission Statement:

To ensure the safety of all persons: staff, visitors, inmates and the community by providing for the care, custody and control of incarcerated persons; and furthermore encourage positive behavioral growth by providing opportunities in education, programming and counseling.

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
- 65 Deputies
- 1 Work Release Unit Supervisor
- 1 GPS Coordinator
- 2 Classification Coordinators
- 3 Account Clerks
- 12 Booking/Security Clerks



Like many correctional facilities across the United States, the Winnebago County Jail has seen an increase in attempts to smuggle illegal narcotics and other forms of contraband into the facility during the last several years. To combat this growing problem, specially earmarked funds were used in 2015 to purchase a Radpro-Securpass whole body security screening system.

Our body scanning system is the only one of its kind in the state of Wisconsin and is used to screen all newly admitted inmates, inmates returning to the jail from outside of the secure perimeter of the facility or for inmates suspected of concealing contraband. To date we have performed over 10,000 scans of inmates.

Since the implementation of the program in March of 2015, we have seen a drastic reduction in the number of attempts to introduce contraband into the general housing units of the facility. The program has been successful in detecting many items of contraband including: heroine, suboxone, methamphetamine, fentanyl, assorted pills, tobacco, a key and a drug pipe.



2015 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	111.61	86.90	49.03	11.81	25.94	16.87
February	110.75	86.90	39.36	8.61	31.82	13.78
March	111.16	80.13	36.16	11.77	29.42	12.0
April	96.40	76.73	38.20	9.6	25.77	13.93
May	102.03	67.06	38.74	11.61	20.77	18.65
June	105.20	69.43	43.77	14.40	21.33	29.27
July	106.47	71.40	46.0	10.93	24.90	29.0
August	106.65	76.71	52.03	16.13	22.71	22.71
September	100.23	83.97	43.0	20.37	24.43	23.3
October	87.65	82.10	41.94	17.29	20.77	20.81
November	94.53	91.43	45.77	11.57	14.20	24.17
December	103.42	86.84	41.03	17.90	24.90	19.16
Monthly Avg.	103.01	79.13	42.92	13.50	23.91	20.02



Jail Population 5 Year Comparison

Year	Average Daily Population	Admissions	Male	Female	Average Length of Stay (Days)
2011	289.09	6304	79.24%	20.72%	16.74
2012	305.07	6348	77.71%	22.29%	17.54
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

2015 Work Release Unit Program Participation (Average Daily Population)

	Electronic Monitoring Inmates	24/7 Sobriety - Alcohol	24/7 Sobriety - Drug
January	23.61	81.52	8.13
February	27.54	73.5	6.79
March	25.81	68.42	5.13
April	22.33	61.4	12.13
May	22.61	64.29	14.32
June	28.53	59.87	15.83
July	26.81	63.97	12.65
August	23.26	69.61	16.52
September	22.27	77.93	19.37
October	29.32	83	15.39
November	26.77	78.93	17.30
December	19.81	77.61	19.03
Monthly Avg.	24.89	71.67	13.55



2015 Prisoner Transportation

	Adult Prisoner Transports	Juvenile Transports
Persons Transported	1,623	263
Miles Driven	112,470	16,350



Communications Center

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office operates a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), or Communications Center, that is the initial point of contact for citizens in need of assistance. The Communication Center is operated by 31 dispatchers and supervised by one Lieutenant and one Captain.

9-1-1 Information

9-1-1 has been designated the "Universal Emergency Number" in the United States to request emergency assistance. Its creation established a national standardized number to provide fast and easy access to emergency services. Nationwide, 9-1-1 is called an estimated 240 million times each year.

The Winnebago County Communications Center handles all 9-1-1 calls for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service providers.

This includes:

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



In 2015, our Communication Center received 40,208 9-1-1 calls and an additional 92,135 non-emergency calls.

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EMERGENCY?

FoxComm



FoxComm is a regional partnership for public safety communications consisting of Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties. Over 25 law enforcement agencies, 57 fire, 29 EMS districts, and three 9-1-1 PSAPs are represented through our three-county consortium. Partnering together provides advantages in increased interoperability and cost savings.

Training

All dispatchers within the Communications Center are trained through an extensive training program. All are certified in CPR and Emergency Medical Dispatching.

When should you 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 the police/sheriff's department, the fire department or an ambulance. If you are ever in doubt of whether a situation is an emergency, you should call 9-1-1. It's better to be safe and let the 9-1-1 call taker determine if you need emergency assistance.

Do not call 9-1-1:

- for information
- for directory assistance
- when you're bored and just want to talk
- for paying traffic tickets
- for your pet
- as a prank



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



Remain calm, be prepared

- Try to stay calm, listen carefully, give information and follow all instructions.
- In an emergency, seconds matter, so being knowledgeable and prepared can make all the difference.
- Knowing when to call and what to expect when you phone 9-1-1 can help reduce fear and feelings of helplessness in an emergency.

Help 9-1-1 help you

- The more you know what to expect when you call 9-1-1, the faster 9-1-1 can get you the help you need.
- If you dial 9-1-1 for a non-emergency matter, you are tying up resources that could be needed in a real emergency.
- 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.



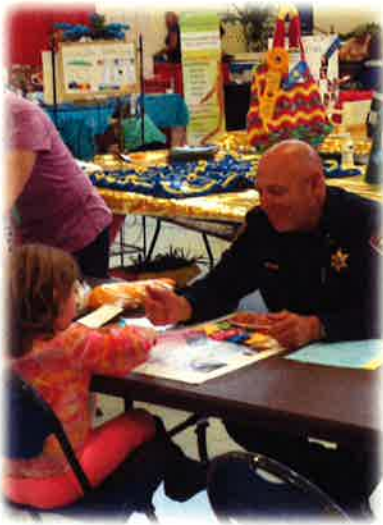
Community Relations

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office believes in Community Oriented Policing and being part of the community's fabric outside the scope of its traditional law enforcement responsibilities. Members of the Sheriff's Office at every level of the organization participate in community events throughout the year. The following pages are a sampling of some of the great work our staff does to help make Winnebago County a great place to live, work and play.



- No Time for Crime
(33 Schools/1508 students)
- DARE
(5 Districts/10 Schools)
- Daily School Visits
- Town Board Meetings
- Fire and First Responder
Group Meetings
- Scouting 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
- ReThink
- Heroin Task Force
- Crime Stoppers





- Neighborhood Watch
- County Fair Booth
- 911 Phone program
- Party at the PAC
- Parents are the Key
- Lunch with a Cop
- File of Life
- Security Surveys
(residential and business)
- Safe Routes to School
- Job Fairs
- Christine Anne:
 - Men Who Cook
 - Race for the Light
- Teen Personal Safety Class
- Holiday Parade
- Local Team Fitness Events





Special Olympics Wisconsin

Polar Plunge



Buffalo Wild Wings



Torch Run



Dunkin' Donuts



2015 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 was 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 2015, 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 Correction Deputies, and Reserve Deputies. Five Dispatchers were also dedicated to the event per day.


The promotor of the event estimates that approximately 2,200 campsites were sold for the event, slightly fewer than in 2014.

Deputies working the event responded to 502 calls for service. As a result of these calls for service, the following law enforcement action was taken:

 June 23rd-27th, 2015		
Citations	Underage Alcohol	287
	Disorderly Conduct	8
	Resisting/Obstructing	12
	Procuring Alcohol	2
	Possession of Drug Para	5
	Possession of THC	4
	Minor poss of Tobacco	1
	Theft	1
	Trespassing	5
	ID Violations	2
Total Ordinance Citations		327
Custodial Arrests (Primary Charge)	Probation Hold	1
	Disorderly Conduct	5
	Poss of Rx w/out prescription	2
	4th Deg. Sexual Assault	1
Total Custodial Arrests		9



Deputies working the event responded to 230 calls for service. As a result of these calls for service, the following law enforcement action was taken:

 July 15th-18th, 2015		
Citations	Underage Alcohol	26
	Disorderly Conduct	2
	Minor poss. Tobacco	3
	Possession of Drug Para	7
	Resisting/Obstructing	1
	Possession of THC	6
Total Ordinance Citations		45
Custodial Arrests (Primary Charge)	Probation Hold	3
	Possession of LSD	1
	Physical Abuse to Child	1
	Disorderly Conduct	1
	Possession of THC	1
Total Custodial Arrests		7

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 2015, 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 Correction Deputies, and Reserve Deputies. Three Dispatchers were also dedicated to the event per day.

The promotor of the event estimates that approximately 1,700 campsites were sold for the event, slightly fewer than in 2014.



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 2015, 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 Division and Reserve Deputies.

In 2015, EAA AirVenture continued to draw large crowds estimated to be 550,000 over the 8 day duration. EAA management estimated that more than 10,500 campsites were used during the event.



Deputies working the event responded to 133 calls for service. As a result of these calls for service the following enforcement action was taken:

		
July 20th-July 26th, 2015		
Citations	Underage Alcohol	4
	Disorderly Conduct	1
	Theft	1
	Resisting/Obstructing	1
Total Ordinance Citations		7
Custodial Arrests (Primary Charge)	Recklessly Endangering Safety	1
	Disorderly Conduct	2
Total Custodial Arrests		3

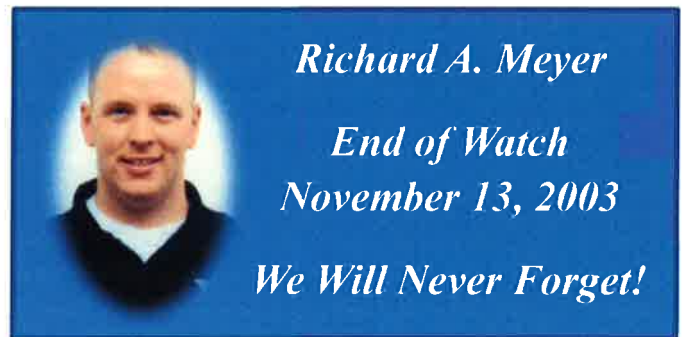


Specialty Teams

HONOR GUARD

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard is comprised of 12 deputies who are dedicated to representing the agency at police memorial services, funeral services, annual parades and processions and posting of colors at community events.

Each May, the Honor Guard attends the Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Madison, which honors all fallen officers during Police Week.



S.W.A.T. TEAM

(Special Weapons and Tactics)

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Multi Jurisdictional SWAT Team is comprised of 14 members:

- 11 – Deputies
- 2 – Officers from the City of Menasha Police Dept.
- 1 – Officer from the City of Omro Police Dept.



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 also in some cases certify the members as instructors in the specialized training. SWAT Team members train 16 hours per month to maintain a high level of proficiency.

Two of the team members are also K9 handlers for the Sheriff's Office and the team has been training to incorporate 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 resolve high-risk incidents within Winnebago County. In addition, the SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiators assist other law enforcement agencies through mutual aid requests. Typical incident call types include:

- ❖ Hostage Rescue Situations
- ❖ Armored Rescue Vehicle Operations
- ❖ Armed Barricaded Subjects
- ❖ Armed Suicidal Subjects
- ❖ Tactical Tracking and Woodland Terrain Operations
- ❖ Execution of High-Risk Search / Arrest Warrants / High-Risk Apprehension Operations
- ❖ High-Risk Security Operations
- ❖ Counter Sniper
- ❖ 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.

TACTICAL RESPONSE UNIT



The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Tactical Response Unit is comprised of 33 members who are trained to respond to 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. The team is comprised of members from Administration, as well as the Corrections, Detective and Patrol Divisions of the Sheriff's Office. Their team responsibilities and training are in addition to their regular job duties. Members receive regular training in crowd control tactics and must pass an annual fitness test. The Tactical Response Unit is used annually to provide law enforcement services during the Country USA and Rock USA music festivals. The team is on call 24 hours a day to respond to any large scale disturbance to include mutual aid requests from other law enforcement agencies.

MOTORCYCLE PATROL

The Motorcycle Patrol Unit has been part of the Sheriff's Office since 2009 and has been an effective tool in combatting reckless driving, speeding and other traffic violations reported by citizens throughout Winnebago County.



The Motorcycle Patrol Unit excels when responding to motor vehicle crashes particularly in areas of heavy traffic congestion like Interstate 41. The motorcycle's specific maneuvering capabilities allows navigation around traffic and expedites emergency responder response and crash reporting procedures. Additionally, the motorcycle increases positive police/community relations through extended personal contact and interaction. The Sheriff's Office currently has two Deputies qualified in police motorcycle operations.

DIVE/RESCUE TEAM



The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Dive Team responds to rescue/recovery operations in the waterways of Winnebago County. The team also performs underwater evidence collection and assists other law enforcement agencies through mutual assistance requests.

The Dive Team is comprised of 10 members and overseen by a Lieutenant. Members are on-call 24 hours a day and perform their duties in addition to their normal job responsibilities. In 2015, the Dive Team was involved in four activations including the search and recovery for drowning victims and assisting the City of Menasha Police Department with evidence collection for the Trestle Trail Shooting.

SNOWMOBILE PATROL

2015 marked the second year of resumed Snow Patrol operations for the Sheriff's Office.

The Snow Patrol covers approximately 200 miles of trails, with 133 being state funded trails and 80 miles of privately maintained club trails, along with all frozen bodies of water throughout Winnebago County.



Snow conditions allowed us to patrol 9 days in 2015 and resulted in the issuance of 15 citations and 9 warnings. Snow Patrol contacts ranged from failure to display registration to not having a snowmobile safety certificate.

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



ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION TEAM

The Accident Reconstruction Team Consists of:

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



The primary function of the Accident Reconstruction Team is to respond to serious injury or fatal accidents and to gather empirical evidence to aid in determining if criminal charges are warranted. Team members have extensive training and work to determine the sequence of events associated with a crash and assist in the development of the case.

The primary piece of equipment used to capture crash data is the Total Station which measures and captures distance, vertical angles and horizontal angles. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office has also partnered with Fox Valley Technical College, to house and use their Leica Scanstation C-10. This cutting edge technology works by scanning the scene with a laser to map and photograph the crash/crime scene.

In 2015, the Accident Reconstruction Team was utilized six times including automobile and airplane crashes.



BOAT PATROL

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



The Boat Patrol Unit has three boats and staffs two Deputies per boat when working. Boat Patrol operations run from Memorial Day to Labor Day and at least two boats are on the waterways for weekends, summer holidays, and special events. In 2015, the Marine Unit patrolled more than 1100 hours on the water issuing 193 citations and 254 warnings. Typical enforcement included violations for non-registration, inadequate personal flotation devices and slow-no-wake.

For rescue operations, the Sheriff's Office shares access to its boats with both the Oshkosh and Neenah/Menasha Fire Departments. The Sheriff's Office Dive Team also utilizes Marine Units for their dive operations.

CHAPLAINS



The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office recognizes that its citizens may face personal situations that are not easily resolved. 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 in August, the Chaplains hosted an Agency cookout!

SOCIAL MEDIA

The use of Social Media has been a great outreach tool for the Sheriff's Office. We continue to have an active following and welcome community commentary and the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialog. If you have any suggestions, please contact us as we are always looking for ways to improve.



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