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2017 Annual Report Released

The 2017 Sheriff's Office Annual Report is now complete. This year's review indicates a continuing, favorable downward trend in crime for the rural and unincorporated areas around Black Hawk County.

"This year's annual report continues to demonstrate an overall reduction in index crimes and a generally reduced demand on routine sheriff's office approaches in rural Black Hawk County."

says Sheriff Tony Thompson. "Though jail bookings are up slightly, there is an indication, based on the severity of the offenders that are being held, that law enforcement across Black Hawk County is having favorable impact on crime overall. The mental health crisis and the criminalizing of the mentally ill is also strongly demonstrated in this year's annual report."

UCR Reportable Offenses:

"A" Offenses:	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	"B" Offenses:	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Arson	0	1	Liquor Law Violation	6	4
Agg Assault	3	6	OWI	112	103
Assault Domestic	19	10	Public Intox	16	13
Assault Simple	16	11	Family Offenses	16	4
Burglary	72	68	Runaway	4	1
Criminal Mischief	33	45	Suspicion	3	5
Drug Violations	252	258	Bad Checks	2	6
Kidnapping	1	0	Trespass	7	17
Robbery	0	1	All Other Offenses	16	5
Murder	0	0			
Sexual Offenses	10	7			
Thefts	67	80	TOTALS	670	657
Larceny of Mot. Veh.	15	11			
Entice/Exploit Child	0	1			

A CRIMINAL CHARGE IS MERELY AN ACCUSATION AND THE DEFENDANT IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY.

Other Notable Statistics:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Sheriff's Office Calls for Service:	8,189	7,925
Total Dispatch Center Calls:	107,628	107,445
Arrests:	3,664	3,658
Fatal Traffic Accidents:	1	1
Injury Traffic Accidents:	43	28
Property Damage Accidents:	216	190
Citations Issued:	3,083	3,430
Civil Processes Served:	13,891	13,647
Warrants Served:	1,426	1,668
Average Daily Jail Population:	216	228
Jail Bookings:	7,074	7,199

“This past year will forever be recognized as the year of change for the Black Hawk County Sheriff’s Office... Due to the first full year of implementing the transition from sworn deputies to civilian detention officers in the jail, the transition to the new jail security hardware and software system, and the introduction of the new 911 P25 Land Mobile Radio network, which the sheriff’s office is presently testing. We have negotiated several challenges and difficulties in this last year.” says Sheriff Thompson. “It is a prideful thing to watch the improvements and the positive impacts, but even more satisfying is the way our staff has addressed and embraced the changes. It speaks volumes to the caliber and quality of the staff at the Black Hawk County Sheriff’s Office.”

The rest of the reported statistics are available in the 2017 Annual Report at: www.bhcsso.org (also attached).

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