

Black Hawk County
Sheriff's Office

Year 2000



Annual Report



YEAR 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

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Special points of interest:

- Tornadoes hit Black Hawk County
- "Welcome to Meth Warfare"
- "Every 15 Minutes"
- Fingerprints and Mug shots go high-tech in Jail
- Methamphetamine trade claims a life in Dewar
- Civil process sees dramatic increase in service

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ENJOYS BANNER YEAR

Dear Friends:

I am very proud to present the citizens of Black Hawk County, this Year 2000 annual report.

As you will find from reading this publication, the Sheriff's Office is a very busy place. The past year has been especially hectic for all the staff. Following the trials of an election year, we now set our sights on regrouping and moving forward in a spirit of cooperation to continue to provide the very best in protection and service to the citizens of Black Hawk County.

Every year, our tasks become ever more challenging, with the increasing demands placed on our profession. We continually strive to be responsive to the changes that each community in Black Hawk County presents us. The men and women who serve in this office continue to focus on professionalism and responsiveness as our primary goals.



Mike Kubik is starting his fourth term as the Sheriff of Black Hawk County

After reviewing our report, I hope you will agree with me, that your Sheriff's Office is an exceptional one. An office of professionals which you can be justifiably proud.

Working together with all residents of Black Hawk County, we can continue to improve and enhance the quality of service that you have come to

expect from the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office. Enjoy this annual report, and I encourage your comments.

Sincerely,
Michael Kubik, Sheriff

ALCOHOL AWARENESS AND UNDERAGED DRINKING AND DRIVING BECOME THE Y2K THEME

Following the fears and problems of the changing millennium, many of the same old concerns reared their ugly heads in the year 2000. In an effort to combat the county's #1 rating for the highest number of traffic fa-

talities related to alcohol, the Sheriff's Office began an aggressive campaign to both educate and enforce the state's alcohol laws. The efforts began with under-age purchasing enforcement "stings" and reached its

height in Hudson, during the "Every 15 Minutes" youth drunk driving education initiative. The Sheriff's Office has taken an earnest effort in trying to improve our county's statistics... (More on this story in *Administration Division* section)

PATROL DIVISION DEMONSTRATES “MULTIDIMENSIONAL” APPROACH

“On May 11th... a storm cell centered just north of Waterloo, and launched a multiple tornado attack.”

The year 2000, presented several distinct and different challenges to the patrol division. Not just the concerning start on January 1st. The concerns and problems anticipated with the change over to

the new year had patrol officers poised to respond to a plethora of possible problems. Thankfully, none of which came to pass.

With the exciting start to the year, it should have been expected that the year would present further unusual challenges.

On May 11th, at approximately 7:00 pm, a storm cell centered just north of Waterloo, and launched a multiple tornado attack. The storm cell cut a swath across the northern third of the county, leaving residents without

power, injuring three, and downing hundreds of trees and buildings.

The patrol division was asked to work long hours, providing traffic control, aiding in the actual clean-up effort, and overseeing law and order operations during the incident.

As the year began to wind down, the patrol division provided much support to the “Every 15 Minutes” program and the Sheriff’s Office campaigns for deterring criminals from obtaining anhydrous ammonia and curbing underage drinking and driving through enforcement “stings”



Patrol Vehicles get a new look in Y2k

PATROL CHANGES ITS LOOK

The Sheriff’s Office recently changed the color scheme of its patrol cars from a blue striping that accents its star and lettering on the sides of its patrol vehicles. And beginning July 1st, 2000, the Sheriff’s Office started putting blue lights on the top of our squad cars.

The state legislature’s deci-

sion allowed police vehicles to display both red and blue lights for emergency operations.

The bill came after much lobbying from the Iowa State Sheriff’s and Deputies Association and the Iowa State Peace Officer’s Association. The two associations contended that having both colors in

the light bars make the vehicles more easily seen, especially in inclement weather and hours of darkness.

The move was made in an attempt to make officers safer while on traffic stops, accident scenes, and allows for better visibility.

Annual Statistics:

	1999	2000
Calls for Service	9,450	8,740
Citations Issued	2,407	2,215
Warrants Served	670	699
MVA-PD	168	401
MVA-PI	96	58
MVA-Fatality	1	1
OWI Arrests	119	102

Arrests	1999	2000
	2,990	3,224

K-9 TEAM ADDED TO THE “FORCE” AND IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION

During the first few months of the new year, the Sheriff’s Office retired a long time officer and friend in “Buck” the first K-9 employed by the Black Hawk County Sheriff’s Office. He was replaced by “AJ”, also a golden retriever. AJ took the county by storm, working on several traffic stops and aiding in the execution of numerous search warrants, “AJ” has put several drug dealers behind bars in only his first year of service.

AJ’s partner, Deputy Mark Herbst attended training in Nebraska to get to know AJ and how to work with the K-9 partner.

In addition to their patrol duties, the team works hard in the community, meeting with service groups,

schools and other community organizations.

Both were recently recognized by the US Department of Justice with a “Certificate of Appreciation” in the Enrique Camerena Awards. This award recognizes their efforts in helping young people choose a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.



“AJ” poised and ready for action

INVESTIGATIONS MAINTAINS EVEN KEEL AS ARRESTS INCREASE

The investigations continues to investigate major crimes in Black Hawk County. The division also assists other agencies with their investigations. Through these cooperative efforts and informal information networks, many criminals are monitored by several different agencies.

The Sheriff's Office assisted the Waterloo Police Department in the disappearance of Tracy Carson, one of the more notable stories of the year 2000. The Sheriff's Office provided officers, technology and even Search and Rescue K-9 support for the search and investigation.

The division experienced some changes in the complexion of the unit, with the addition of Detective Jane Wagner and Investigator Bill Herkelman.

Through out the year, several different cases of note were investigated and resulted in arrests. Of primary interest, two major burglary operations were effectively shut down in 2000.

Brandon Procter and Andrew Adams were both arrested on several counts of burglary, these arrests also aided in clearing burglary cases in other counties.



Forensic investigation is a key tool for the detectives of the Sheriff's Office.

The Investigations Division continues to work hard, maintaining one of the highest cases-solved ratings in the entire Midwest.

DEWAR LOSES RESIDENT TO ANHYDROUS AMMONIA/METHAMPHETAMINE DRUG TRADE

On March 29th, 2000, the stark reality of methamphetamine labs in Black Hawk County was made apparent as Deputies responded to a call for service regarding a "man down" in the town of Dewar.

Upon their arrival, it was determined that there was an anhydrous ammonia tank leaking and contaminating

the man's home. It was apparent that Mike Stealy was overcome with anhydrous ammonia fumes after the cylinder he was storing it in malfunctioned and released the gas into his house.

He was overcome by the ammonia and died attempting to remove the cylinder. Further investigation would indicate that he was storing the anhy-

drous for others to use in the production of Methamphetamine. This process is extremely dangerous. The labs themselves contain several explosive materials and hazardous chemicals. Clandestine labs present a significant risk to the community and ultimately cost Mr. Stealy his life.

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WELCOME TO "METH" WARFARE SPEARHEADS THE BATTLE AGAINST METHAMPHETAMINE

In the beginning weeks of April, 2000, the Sheriff's Office launched an educational campaign entitled "Welcome to Meth Warfare". The intent of the program was to raise public awareness on the dangers of Methamphetamine and how to recognize a clandestine lab, lab materials and the raw materials used in meth labs.

This education was extremely successful, and spurred the

Sheriff's Office to take the next step in the war and attempt to physically deter those who have no legitimate need for precursor materials.

The Sheriff's Office approached local business leaders, industry and private citizens to support the anhy-



Anhydrous Ammonia Tank Lock

drous ammonia tank locking program. Over \$13,000 was raised for the purchase and installation of the locking devices, which are now ensuring that this primary element in the production

of Methamphetamine is no longer available to criminals in Black Hawk County.

CIVIL DIVISION STEPS UP THE PROCESS

In comparison to 1999, the Civil division has seen the most increase in demand and services for the year 2000. In 1999, the division processed a grand total of **18,573** court processes. This

year they increase those processes by nearly 4,000, for a grand total of **22,505**. These processes include Writs, Condemnations, Liens, Levies, Garnishments, Subpoenas, etc. The civil process is one of only

two, Iowa Code mandated services for the Office of the Sheriff.

He (the Sheriff) must maintain a jail and must support the courts and civil procedure in his county.

In carrying out these duties, the Civil Division posted one of it's highest totals in recent years.



The civil staff processes all the paperwork, as well as assisting citizens at the front counter.

	1999	2000
Garnishments	2,873	3,111
260A Levy	3	7
260B Levy	2	16
Cash Register Levy	32	16
Demand	85	35
Security Lien	1	0
Total Served:	2,996	3,185

Executions	1999	2000
Black Hawk County Clerk	2,134	2,706
Out of County Clerk	289	403
Totals	2,423	3,109

CIVIL DEPUTIES MAKE THE CASE

Although the primary function of the Civil Division is to support the courts and the County Attorney's Office in the judicial and civil processes, the deputies who are assigned to this division are law enforcement officers first.

There have been numerous cases over the past year where Civil Deputies were first

on the scene, or initiated criminal related arrests.

In addition to the multitude of warrant related arrests, here are a couple of notable cases worked in the year 2000:

On May 24th, Deputy Luther Holmes identified a car that had been reported stolen. He attempted to initiate a traffic stop and a short pursuit en-

sued. The driver of the stolen vehicle lost control and hit the median. Two juveniles were taken into custody.

On April 6th, Deputy Tom Nichols executed a traffic stop on a vehicle which had been broadcast as an "attempt to locate" and subsequently arrested a gentleman for OWI 1st.

	1999	2000
Real Estate Sales	55	101
Condemnations	12	2
Writ of Attachment	1	0
Homestead Sale	0	0
Abandoned Vehicle/ OWI	27	9

Civil Papers:

Papers Served	15,821	16,733
Papers Returned Unserved	2,752	2,551
Total	18,573	22,505

OVERVIEW OF THE CIVIL DIVISION

In compliance with the Iowa Code, and the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure, the Civil Division of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the execution of all writs and other legal processes issued to the Sheriff by legal authority.

Deputies working in the Civil Division are commanded by a Captain and supported by one Sergeant. Civil Deputies are trained extensively in the

proper execution and service of processes. The Sheriff's Office is responsible to the courts and acts as an officer of the court for the service of these actions. There is also a very close working relationship with the Black Hawk County



Civil Process is one of the oldest Sheriff's obligations. Dating as far back and the early 18th centu-

Attorney's Office. Deputies serve subpoenas to witnesses summoned for criminal proceedings, as well as helping the Attorney's Office with fine collections. The Civil Division is a statutory responsibility unique to

the Sheriffs in the State of Iowa.

JAIL'S NEW ADMINISTRATOR OVERSEES A YEAR OF CHANGES

For Captain Mark Johnson, the new assignment of Jail Division Commander, has not been without headaches. Captain Johnson started his tenure with a technological upgrade of the booking system which included digital photographs for mug shots, and digitally scanning an inmate's fingerprints, and electronically providing those images to the state's DCI crime lab. This entire procedure was done without cost to the taxpayers of the county as the system was provided through grant funding.

"We are able to provide this service at no cost to the tax-

payer, and even at a cost savings by eliminating postage, supplies and storage..." says the Jail Administrator.

But cost reductions, streamlining services and budgetary reviews seemed to be the theme of Captain Johnson's first year as the Jail Administrator.

In March, the county board of supervisors entered into contract hearings for the contracted medical services of the Black Hawk County Jail. Through fact finding and soliciting private companies, Captain Johnson was able to establish a contractual arrange-



A General Population Pod in the Black Hawk County Jail houses 50 inmates.

ment with Naphcare, Incorporated of Birmingham, Alabama. This contracting of services saved the county over \$194,000 in the 2000 budget.

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NEARLY \$22,000 IN REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The U.S. Department of Justice announced on November 22, 2000 that the Black Hawk County Jail was one of 414 agencies to receive approximately \$22,000 in reimbursements for federally mandated services provided to inmates in custody.

The reimbursement was sought through the assistance of Justice Benefits, Inc., a

public sector consulting firm located in Dallas, Texas. JBI specializes in locating and accessing hard-to-find federal reimbursements for local and state governments.

This was one of several steps taken to maximize services within the jail, while reviewing costs.

As tax askings continue to

rise, the large and relatively new Black Hawk County Jail has conveniently become the scapegoat for cost overruns, and it has been the duty of the jail administrator to constantly strive for and explore ways to increase the profitability of the facility while continuing to provide the custodial duties of a county jail.

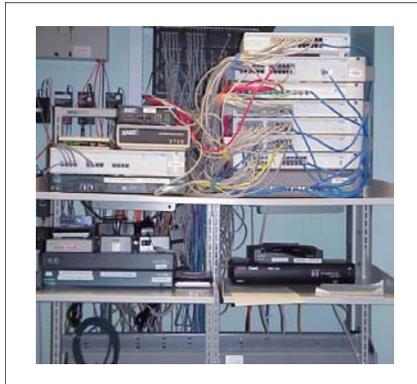
<u><i>Year 2000 Statistics</i></u>		
	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Bookings	7,771	8,217
Transports	741	657



"Igor" is a new face around the jail. He is the county's Search and Rescue K-9, and is assigned to the Jail Division with his handler, Deputy Dave Bishop

Y2K DISASTERS? NO PROBLEMS

The Special Services Division started the new year in a significantly different manner than previous years... they were sitting anxiously by their computer



A "rat nest" of wires is actually the heart of the county's criminal computer network.

terminals waiting for disaster to strike at the stroke of midnight. Obviously, disaster did not strike, and the passing of 1999 into the year 2000 was virtually uneventful. That is not to say that significant planning had not been made for the event. Every police and fire chief was located at the make-shift command center at the Sheriff's Office, which had several phone lines and computers that were used to monitor the goings on around the county that evening. Don't let the uneventful changing of the new year, cause you to think that the entire year would run as smoothly though. The addition of numerous new software packages and hard-

ware to the patrol vehicles and to the Wide Area Network (WAN) which connects the law enforcement agencies throughout the county, presented challenges and altered the way business is conducted internally.

One of the biggest innovations was delivering dispatch information to the patrol car. This information aids the officers in quicker response and better knowledge about a call prior to their arrival on the scene. Further modifications are planned, all of which improve officer response time and quality of service our officers are able to provide.

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TOMORROW'S TECHNOLOGY, TODAY IN BLACK HAWK COUNTY

In addition to all the computers and software that the Sheriff's Office must use every day, the Special Services Division also is responsible for all records maintained by the Office.

The keeper of the records is responsible to the public for access to documents and information that is viewable and accessible by citizens of

the county.

New procedures and equipment have been put in place to assure better access and more timely response for inquiries for this information. All booking and jail management records are now scanned into a machine that writes to a recordable compact disk. New software was

purchased which allows for tidier and more qualitative reports to be computer generated for the public. Extensive internal changes have been made to the computer network which improves functionality while reducing the amount of "down-time" experience by the different departments of the Sheriff's Office.

MDC'S ARE THE NEW NAME OF THE GAME FOR PATROL OFFICERS

Although officers have been using in-car computers for nearly three years now, the usability and increased function in 2000 became a much followed media story. Of course, being on the forefront of technology is not without it's trials and tribulations, but the end result of months of agonizing testing and tweaking, resulted in a favorably stable and responsive tool for patrol deputies to use. The MDC, or mobile data com-

puter functions much like a home computer, however, there are very specific software packages that manipulate the in-car radio system to transmit data to and from the car. Officers can obtain calls for service information, they can add re-

marks to calls, they can check warrants and vehicle/driver information, without having to contact a dispatcher to do so. This eliminates much of the radio traffic and gathers pertinent information quicker for the officers on the scene.



MDC's are the patrol officer's link to the dispatch center



HOW WAS SO MUCH STUFFED INTO ONE YEAR?

The year was a busy one for the Sheriff's Office, with the anhydrous ammonia tank locks and methamphetamine awareness campaign. The underage alcohol education and deterrence was probably the most impactful story of the year for the Office.

"Every 15 Minutes" was a program that was first started about 3 years ago in Chico, California, as a response to the ever rising alcohol-related deaths they were experiencing in their schools.

It is based on the national statistic that someone dies as a result of an alcohol-related automobile accident, every 15

minutes in the United States.

From 1996-1998, Black Hawk County ranked 1st in the state for the most traffic fatalities with 43. The county ranked 2nd for the number of alcohol-related fatalities at 22. These were figures that the Sheriff's Office was not proud of and obviously a change needed to be made.

Sergeant Jeff Marsh started the youth drunk driving initiative and formed a core committee, with the intent of presenting an extremely dramatic, extremely unorthodox educational experience to the



"Every 15 Minutes" took Hudson, and the State by storm in September

students of Hudson. The experience was something that the students of Hudson High School will never forget.

BURGLARIES WAY DOWN FOR THE YEAR 2000

One of the major focuses for Sheriff Kubik over the past couple years has been rural residential burglaries, as this statistic has been on the rise. Through outreach initiatives like the "Farm ID" program, the Sheriff's Office has made strides at educating the public on ways to protect and even prevent against burglaries,

and provided a system to mark and identify property belonging to a citizen of the county.

The education efforts, in addition to increased surveillance and enforcement techniques caused the number of burglaries for the year 2000 to drop dramatically.

In 1999, the county reported

a total of 117, a number up dramatically from the 44 reported in 1998. In the year 2000, the Sheriff is proud to say that this number is again on the downswing, reporting only 60.

This statistic will continue to be a focus of the Sheriff's Office in years to come.

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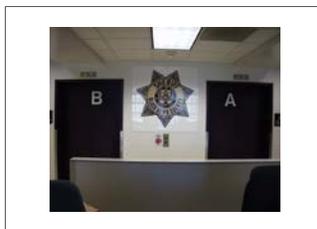
A YEAR THAT TESTS THE VERSITILITY OF THE OFFICE

From tornadoes to flooding, from burglaries to robberies, the Sheriff's Office saw a lot of action in the year 2000. We continue to be poised and ready for emergency situations as well as being able to provide the most progressive and professional service to the citizens of Black Hawk County.

We continue to be at the fore-front of technology, we lead

the way in new techniques and tactics to fight crime. Our office is a leader in the state, working with legislators and the governor to implement our anhydrous tank lock program state-wide.

Our community services pro-



The front lobby welcomes visitors and guests to the Sheriff's Office.

grams continue to education kids on the dangers of alcohol, drugs and destructive decisions.

Through all these efforts, we still try to remain as responsive and accessible to our

citizens as possible. Please contact us with your feedback and thoughts.

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Graphical Statistics for Year 2000:

