



Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office
Annual Report

2001



*“In Memory Of All Those Who Did
Not Hesitate To Come To The Aid
Of Our Citizens In Need”*

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Dear Friends:

I am very proud to present the citizens of Black Hawk County, this Year 2001 annual report.

As you will find from reading this publication, the Sheriff's Office is a very busy place. Continuing to provide the very best in protection and service to the citizens of Black Hawk County has been our charge for this past year.

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.

After reviewing our report, I hope you will agree with me, that your Sheriff's Office is an exceptional one.

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.

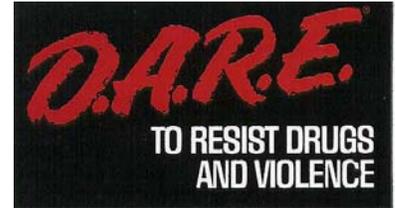
Enjoy this annual report, and I encourage your comments.

Sincerely,


Michael Kubik, Sheriff

Community Services

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Community Services provides many services beyond traditional law enforcement activities to the citizens of Black Hawk County. The D.A.R.E. program is conducted from Community Services. The Explorer Scout post that provides students an insight into the career of law enforcement is also a Community Service function. Additionally, many of the public service announcements, all press information, and special events like public speaking engagements, the Iowa Special Olympics Torch Run, and any public campaigns such as the “21 Means 21” or “Click it or Ticket” programs are all generated from Community Services.

Community Services is a branch of the Patrol Division and is responsible for the design of this year’s annual report. In cooperation with the Special Services Division, this report contains much of the statistical information covering events from the year 2001. In addition, this year we’ve added some new features to better explain some of the statistics. Pin mapping will present better information about our burglaries, traffic accidents, and OWI arrests, as well as graphical representations of our actual numbers. We hope you enjoy this information, and welcome your comments.

Annual Statistics

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“A” Offenses:

Offense	2001	2000
Arson	2	0
Aggravated Assault	7	12
Domestic Assault	77	31
Simple Assault	44	22
Burglary	117	97
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	79	87
Drug/Narcotic Violation	77	74
Murder	0	0
Robbery	2	3
Sexual Offenses	10	8
Thefts	129	183
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	5	7

“B” Offenses:

Offense	2001	2000
Liquor Law Violations	30	28
OWI	91	102
Public Intoxication	17	29
Family Offenses	6	5
Runaway	25	37
Suspicion	45	21
Bad Checks	4	5
Trespass	19	22
All Other Offenses	179	195

	2001	2000		2001	2000
Arrests	2,900	3,224	Citations Issued	2,376	2,215
Accidents- Fatalities	3	1	Warrant Services	708	699
Accidents- Injury	71	58			
Accident- Property	189	401			
Calls For Service	8,548	8,740			

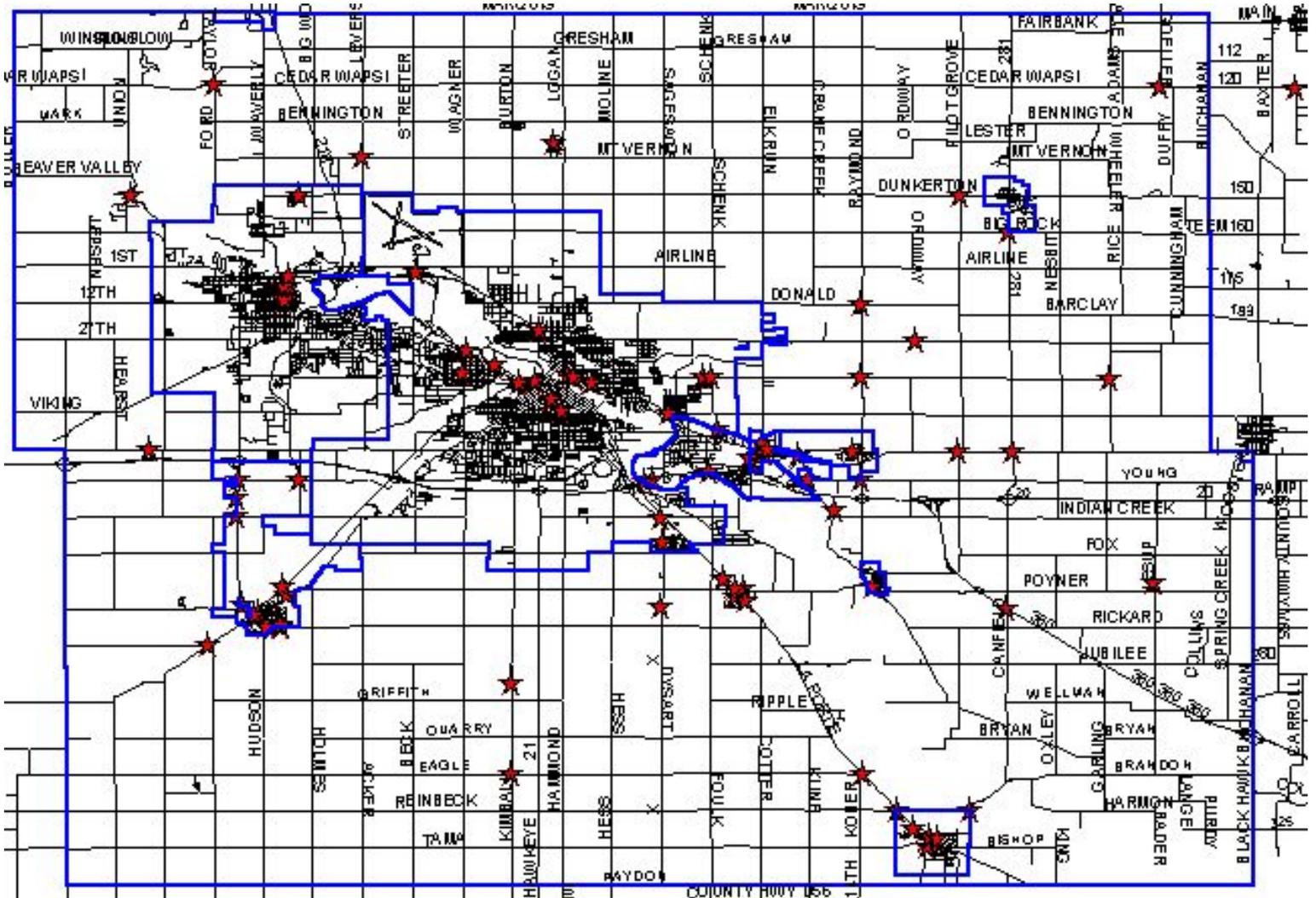
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!!-These statistics indicate all information for the agencies of Hudson, Gilbertville, Dunkerton, La Porte City, and the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, as the Sheriff's Office reports all crime statistics for these agencies.

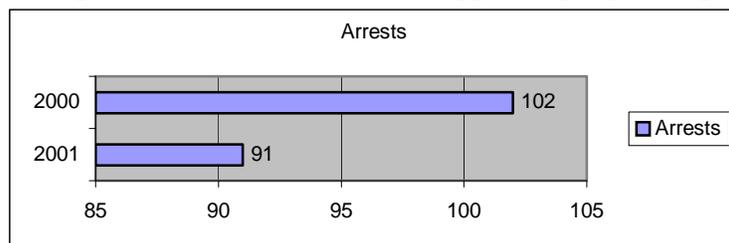
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OWI ARRESTS MAPPING:



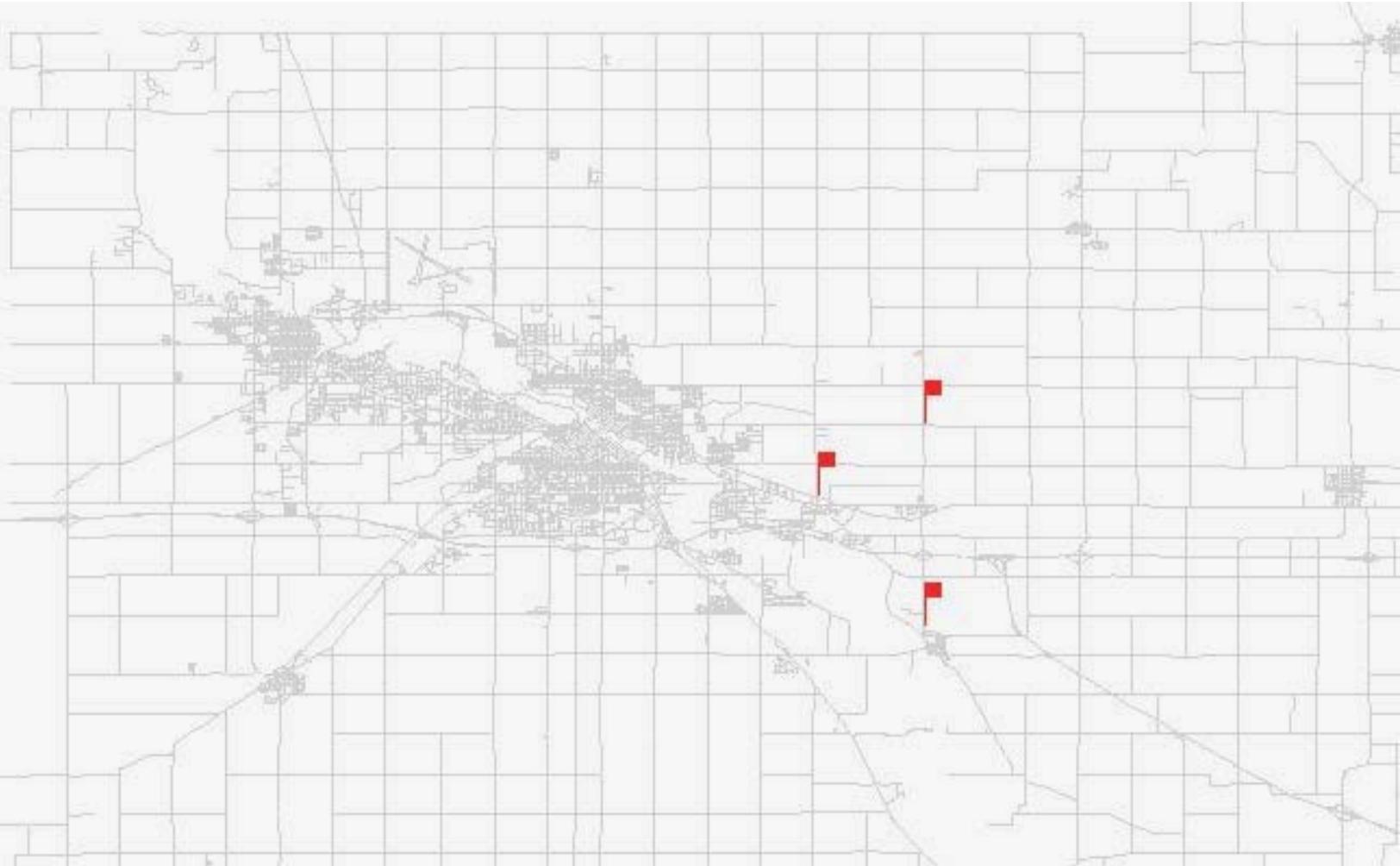
This map represents all the locations where Black Hawk County Officers made arrests for OWI related offenses. A star represents each location. There may have been more than one arrest per location. OWI arrests dropped slightly during 2001.



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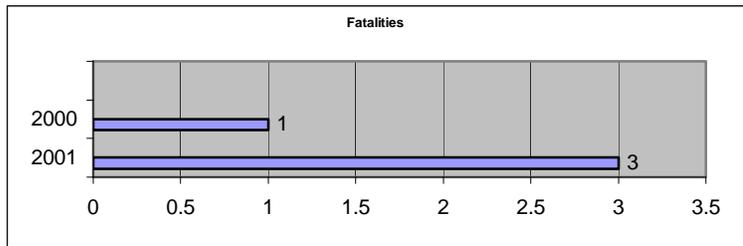
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MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITY ACCIDENT MAPPING:



2001 experienced 3 fatality accidents:

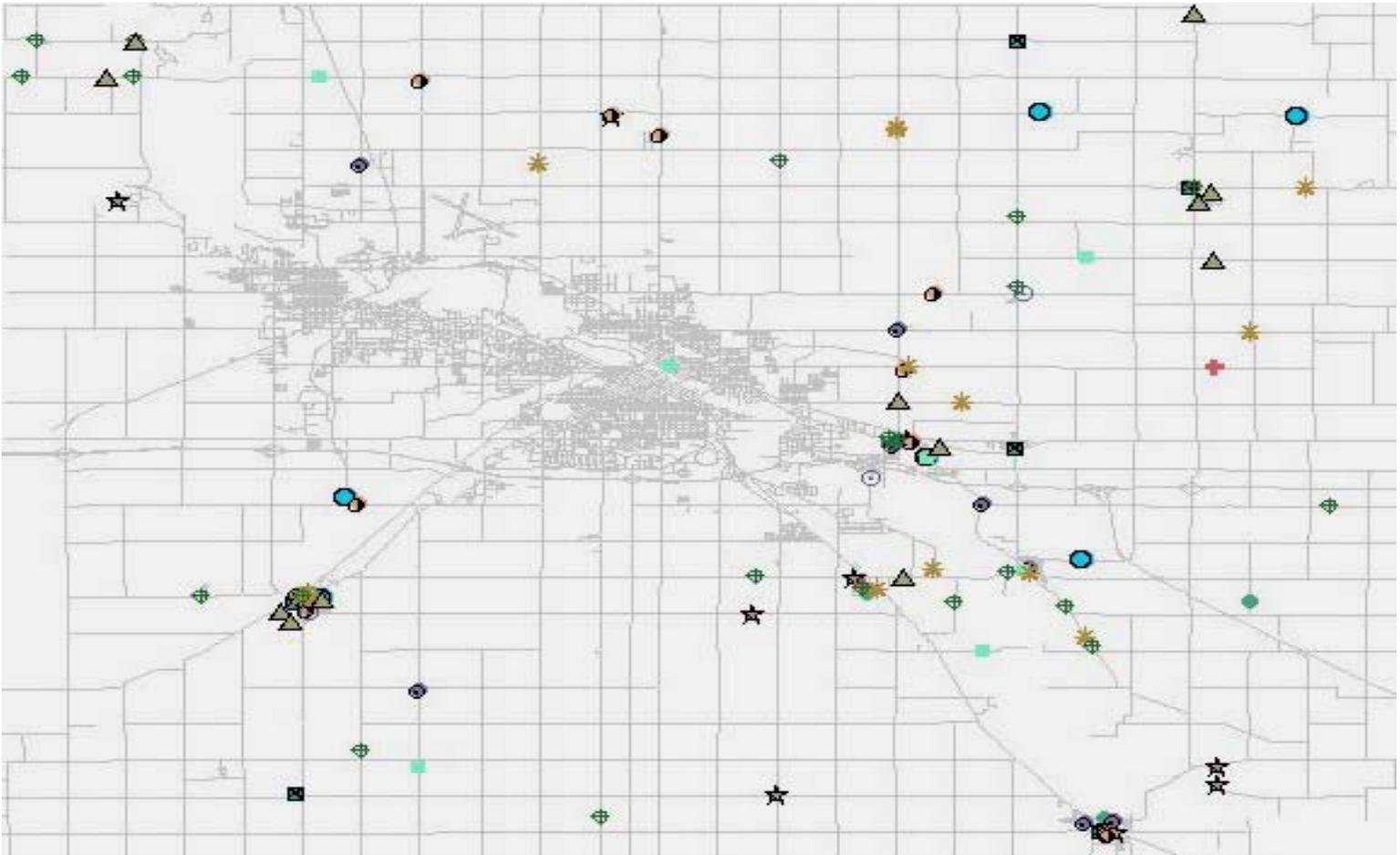
- 1- Independence Ave and South Raymond Road
- 2- Dubuque Road and South Elk Run Road
- 3- 25th Avenue and Hwy 297



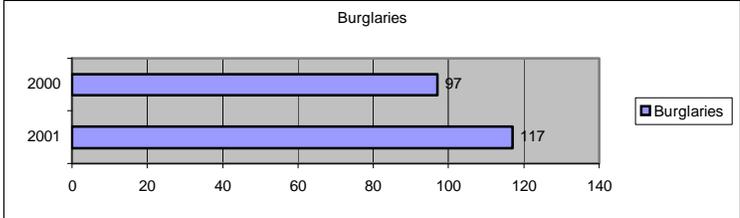
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BURGLARY MAPPING:



Each symbol represents a separate burglary. The different shapes indicate the month that the burglary occurred.
Example: ☆=April ○=February



Administrative Division

2001

2001 A Year We'll Never Forget

The year 2001 started as most any other year. Our patrol division, investigations division, civil and jail divisions went about “business as usual”. Then on September 11, 2001, our lives changed forever.

For the Sheriff’s Office, our business changed as well. This office had to change the way we addressed a lot of normal “problems”. We will never look at the mail the same way. We have increased our education on *weapons of mass destruction*. We have taken a more serious look at areas in our county that are vulnerable to “terrorist” attacks.

We increased security measures and patrol tactics to ensure that we were providing the safest and most secure coverage to our citizens during one of the most troubling and trying times in our nation’s history.

Many of these serious challenges still face us, and the Black Hawk County Sheriff’s Office has taken the need and necessity seriously. We were very proactive in the wake of the events of September 11th, and continue to be forward thinking, continue to be inventive and responsive to the increasing needs that have been reflected in the months past our nation’s attack.



Staffing Changes Challenge our Office

This past year marks the retirement of three senior employees of the Sheriff’s Office.

Major Wayne Boots retired at the end of December with more than 30 years of service to the citizens of Black Hawk County. Lieutenant Mike Baker also retired with 19 years of service and Tammy Schlitter, a civilian master control technician retired from the office in 2001 with over 20 years of service.

In light of the budgetary concerns facing all the county departments and offices, the Sheriff elected to not replace the two sworn officer positions. In light of these changes, the office underwent some minor restructuring of staffing to both streamline service and remain responsive to the safety and security of our operational standards.



Patrol Division

2001

It's Been A Busy Year!

The Patrol Division placed an acute focus on traffic safety and OWI related offenses in the year 2001. As a result, our OWI related fatalities are on the decline.

The division implemented a "21 Means 21" campaign seeking the support of local liquor establishments to continue to improve the access of alcohol to underage drinkers. These efforts caused a slight increase in liquor law violations; however, the end result was better compliance rates and a much-improved strategy with local business support and cooperation.

Through the Iowa Special Traffic Enforcement Program (sTEP), we also turned focus on overall seat belt usage countywide. Our rates increased last year from 70% to 79% partly from enforcement efforts, but mostly from the cooperation gained by the citizens of our county.

The Sheriff's Office was a site sponsor of a statewide .08BAC (blood alcohol content) education demonstration in September. The office invited several other local agencies, as well as key legislative figures to participate in a controlled drinking experiment that demonstrated the actual impairment of driver's prior to reaching the state intoxication level of .10BAC.

Most legislators seems surprised at how intoxicated they felt prior to reaching the

current state level, indicating that .08BAC may be a legislative bill worth looking at in the upcoming year.

Drug Busts Are Up

The past year marks another attempt spurred by the division to spotlight narcotic violations, and with this focus, patrol deputies have increased drug related arrests. With this focus, more federal cases are being worked and investigations and arrests will be forthcoming.



Thank You Black Hawk County

Nearly every statistic from OWI related fatalities to seat belt usage improved in the year 2001. This is not attributable to any one enforcement technique or to any overt action from the Sheriff's Office.

The largest denominator for our success in these areas is the citizens doing what they are supposed to do. Being more aware of crime and accident risks, and taking important measures to avoid the incident.



Civil Division

2001

Civil Posts Another Great Year

In 2000, the division processed a grand total of **22,505** court processes. This year they saw a slight decrease, with a total of **22,056**. However, the division served 2,125 more papers than one year ago, resulting in fewer papers returned unserved.

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 its highest totals in recent years.

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 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.

Yearly Totals

Services	2001	2000
Executions	3,065	3,109
Real Estate Sales	121	101
Condemnations	0	2
Writ of Attachment	2	0
Abandoned Vehicle/OWI	10	9
Garnishments	3,111	3,017
260A Levy	5	7
260B Levy	12	16
Cash Register Levy	13	16
Demand	36	35
Security Lien	1	0
Papers Served	18,858	16,733
Unserved	2,213	2,551
Total Processes	22,056	22,505

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Investigations Division

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Burglaries, Robberies, Drugs, Kidnapping and Murder

The Investigations Division had its hands full this year with multiple serious offenses. These crimes ran the gamut, from sex offenses to murder.

The detectives were very busy assisting the Waterloo Police Department with the murder investigation of Tracy Carson early in the year, and then a robbery/burglary/kidnapping/sexual assault/attempted murder case occupied a lot of their time.

Burglaries seemed to be the large part of any discussion during the past year. One offender, making multiple offenses, caused many of the crimes. However, the year 2001 did see a significant increase in the number of burglaries investigated.

Sexual assaults and drugs round out the plate of offenses that took precedence for the last year. A staffing reorganization allocated one more detective to work on larger, federal drug investigations, and our

division worked more sex crimes this past year as well.

In all this division continues to be aggressive in solving and producing arrests on investigative cases, still able to boast one of the state's highest "cases solved" rates. And, as always service and responsiveness remains our focus.



Tank Lock Program Gains National Attention

Recently, the State Office of Drug Control Policy contacted the Investigations Division regarding an effort that started nearly two years ago, where officers from the Sheriff's Office locked up the anhydrous tanks in Black Hawk County. There has been much interest and now federal funds have been raised to reproduce this program on a more statewide level. The investigators at the Sheriff's Office have been asked for their expertise in this effort.

The county program was initiated with private donations from Black Hawk County citizens and has far exceeded local expectations.



Jail Division

2001

NCCHC Accreditation Achieved

The year 2001 presented many new opportunities for the Jail Division. The most significant opportunity was to become an accredited health care provider for our inmate population.

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care first visited the Jail in September to assess several areas in the services provided to the inmate incarcerated in the Black Hawk County Jail.

The committee assessed the facility's design, structure, layout, its policies and procedures. They assessed documentation, medical staff, food service, psychiatric care, and daily security operations.

During the assessment, the committee looked at 69 standards, which must be met to qualify for accreditation with the Commission. Of these 69 standards, only 2 did not apply to our facility (a standard for infirmaries, and inmate workers in the kitchen, both of which the jail does not have). 33 of these standards are considered *essential* and require 100% compliance, 36 are considered *important* and require 85% compliance. The Black

Hawk County Jail received 100% compliance in all assessed areas from the Commission.

This procedure took months of preparation, and the accreditation process took another 5 months, but achieving an "Accredited" status is a very big feather in the cap of the Jail Division, as they became only the second jail in the state of Iowa to achieve such recognition.

Following three years of Department of Justice scrutiny for health care and medical services in our facility, to achieve "accreditation" status eliminates a large burden, and is yet another step toward the division's goal of providing the most professional and highest quality of service to the citizens of Black Hawk County.

Year 2001 Statistics:

	2001	2000
Average Daily Population	250	249
Jail Bookings	7,439	8,217
Jail Transports	761	657

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Special Services Division

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Changes and Challenges Abound in Special Services

Keeping records up and available, keeping the computers in service, and keeping information flowing between agencies and squad cars are just some of the challenges that face the staff of the Special Services Division.

The Sheriff's Office has enjoyed the moniker of "first in technology" for several years now, and each year, we continue to improve on the services and systems that aid us in continuing that focus. The Special Services division is the very tip of that spear.

Whether it be continuing to add functionality and features to the already envied Mobile Data Computer (MDC) system, or continuing to improve the records keeping software and procedures for the records of all agencies in the county, excluding Cedar Falls, Waterloo

and Evansdale, the Special Services Division is responsible for all needs.

The Special Services Division is also responsible for all the statistical data found in this report, and they also report all statistical data to the state for Uniform Crime Reports, and Incident Based Reporting as required by law.

Versatility and vigilance are the two best words to describe this division, as it is critical that the Special Services deputies remain on top of the newest developments in Management Information Systems, computer technology, and state law and Iowa Code updates.

	2001	2000
Calls for Service	8,548	8,740
Warrant Services	708	699

