



Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office Annual Report

2009



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Dear Black Hawk County Citizens:

Thank you for taking the time and interest in reading this 2009 Sheriff's Office Annual Report. I hope what you will find is what I know to have been a strong and dynamic year full of impact.

Our statistics indicate a strong, positive and proactive start for a new administration, and a continuing demonstration of our focused attention to and desire to have positive impact on crime in Black Hawk County. I hope that these statistics demonstrate our devoted work and effort to positively impact crime.

When we show increases in arrests, I hope it is recognized that the arrest indicates one less criminal on our streets. While this past year has been challenging, I also hope it is recognized that we have enjoyed much success. I look forward to the future and the ability to have even greater impact in the coming years with our resources.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ATG", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Annual Statistics

2009

UCR Reportable Offenses

"A" Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Arson	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault	32	37	51
Assault Domestic	13	12	41
Assault Simple	25	23	24
Burglary	87	81	69
Criminal Mischief	65	89	94
Drug Violations	125	188	319
Kidnapping	0	1	0
Robbery	0	0	5
Murder	0	0	0
Sexual Offenses	14	12	10
Thefts	129	173	124
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	9	13	4
Entice/Exploitation Child	10	1	1

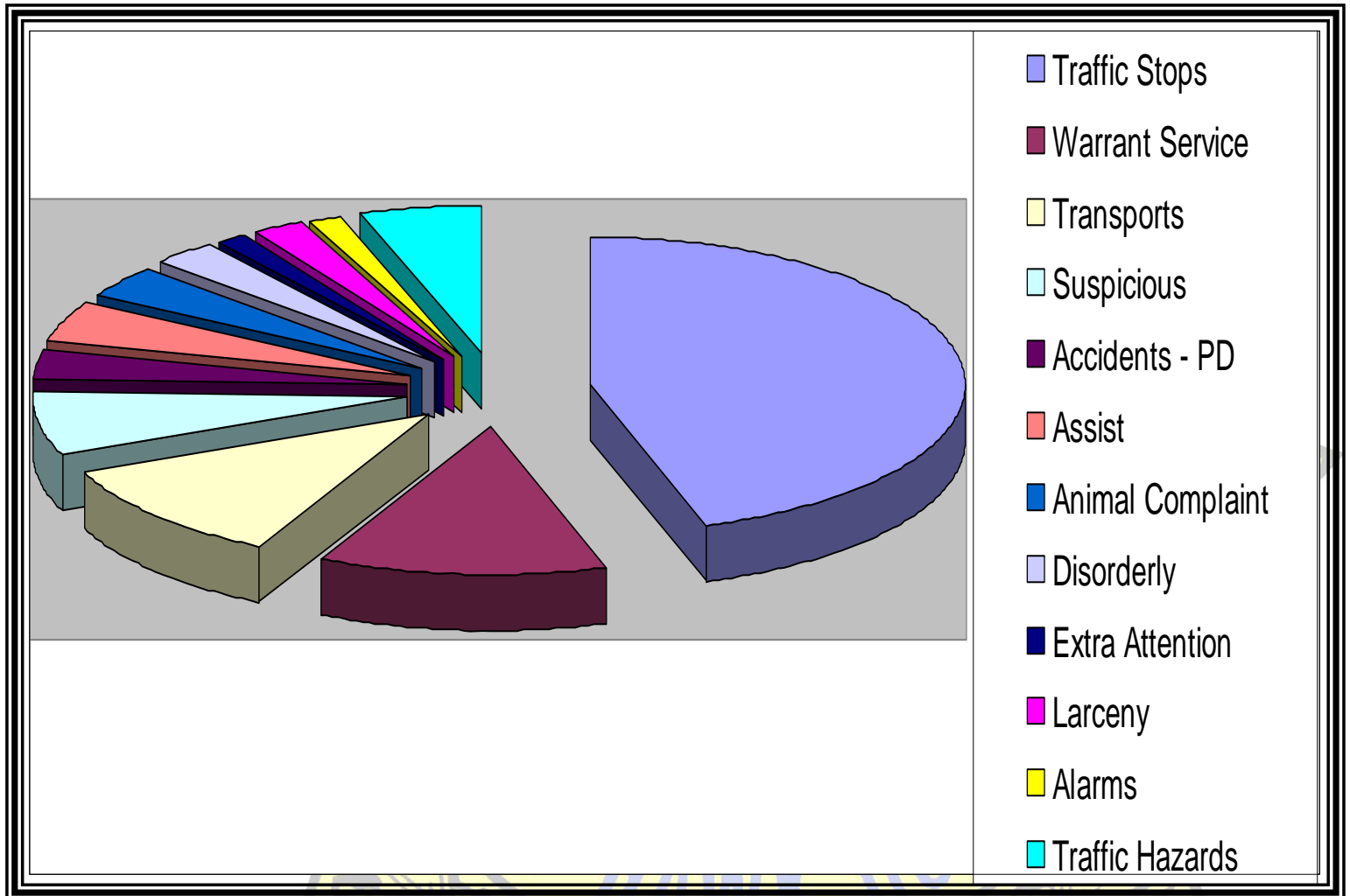
"B" Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Liquor Law Violations	45	46	60
OWI	165	219	226
Public Intoxication	18	18	22
Family Offenses	7	9	13
Runaway	20	16	18
Suspicion	23	11	23
Bad Checks	10	6	4
Trespass	13	9	23
All Other Offenses	144	96	59

■ - denotes increase from 2008 statistics

Annual Statistics

2009



Calls For Service

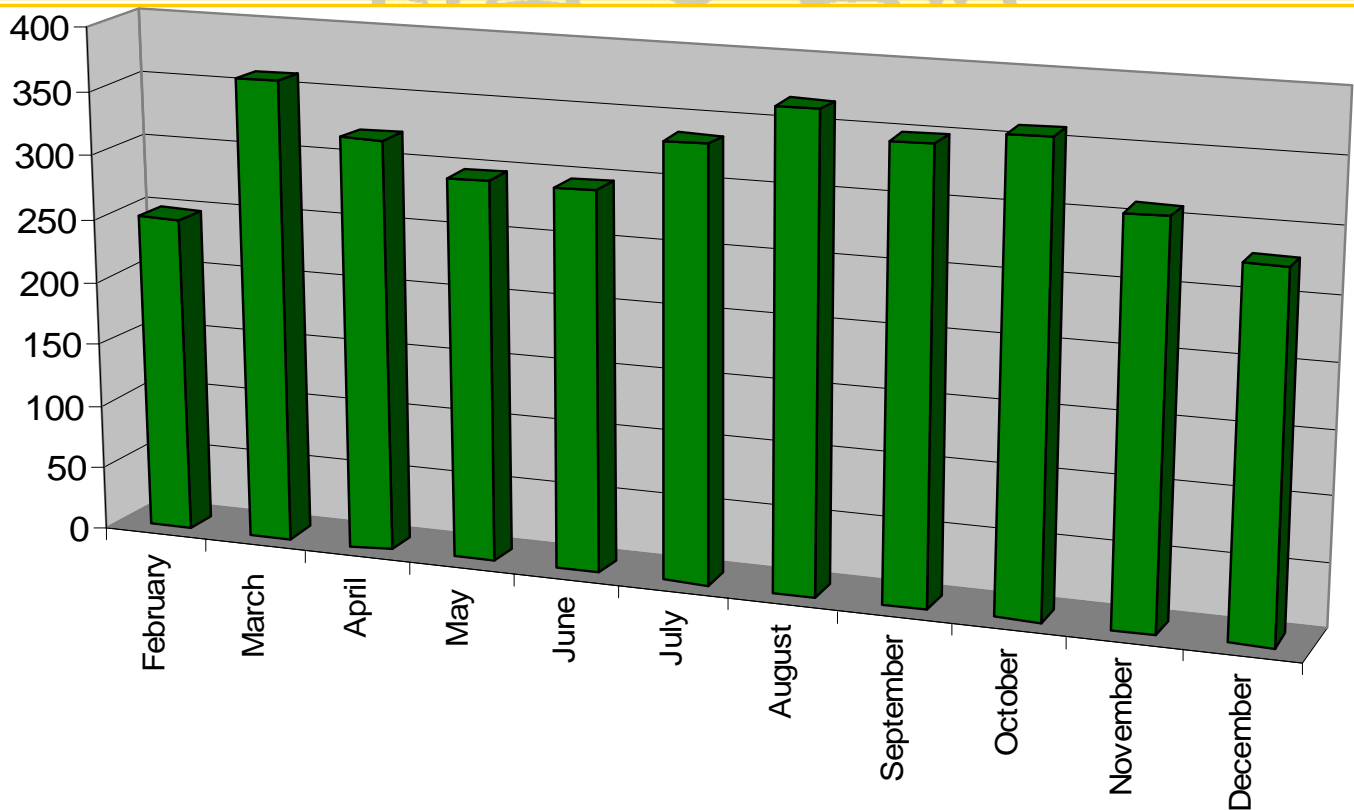
In 2008, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office responded to 11,945 calls for service from the 133,771 calls our dispatch center fielded for all of Black Hawk County.

This year the dispatch center fielded 138,165 and our office responded to 14,463 calls, accounting for an increase of 2,518 more calls for service in the last year.

Annual Statistics

2009

Arrests By Month



Calls Resulting in Arrest (2009 Arrests)

Deputies arrested **490 more** offenders in **2009** than in 2008:

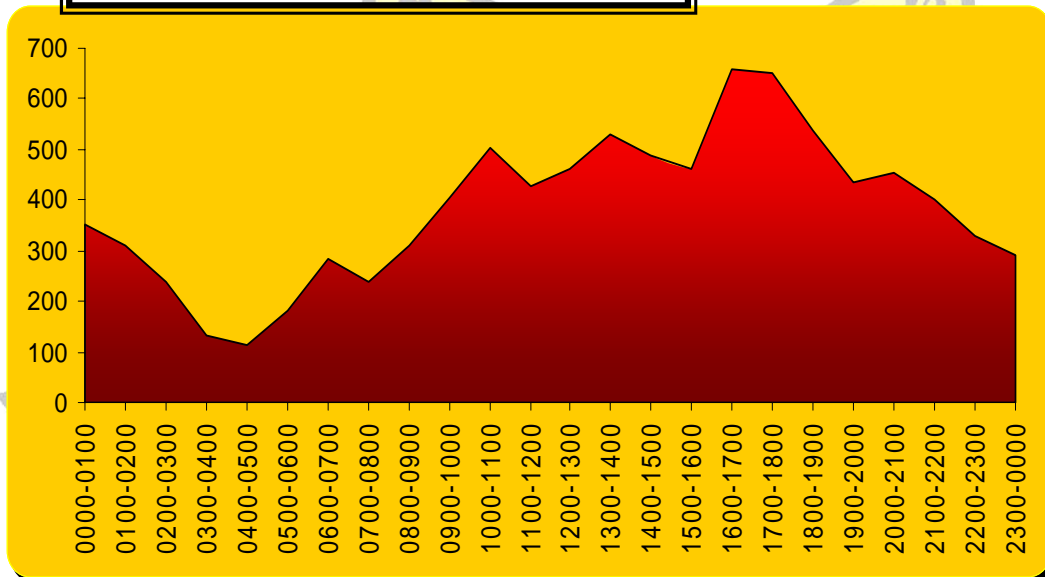
2009: 3,834

2008: 3,344

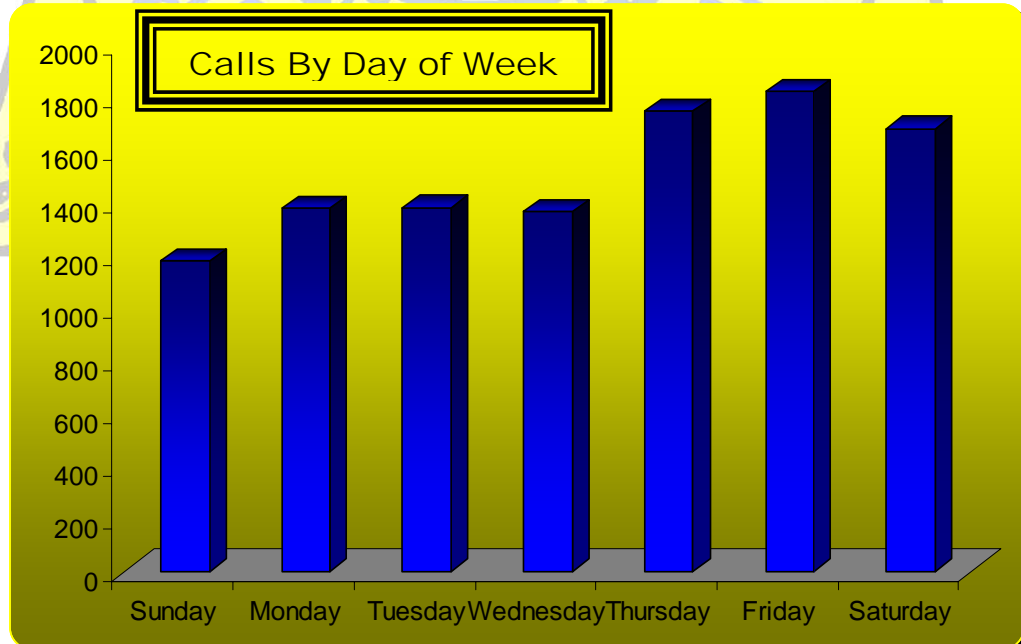
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Calls by Time of Day



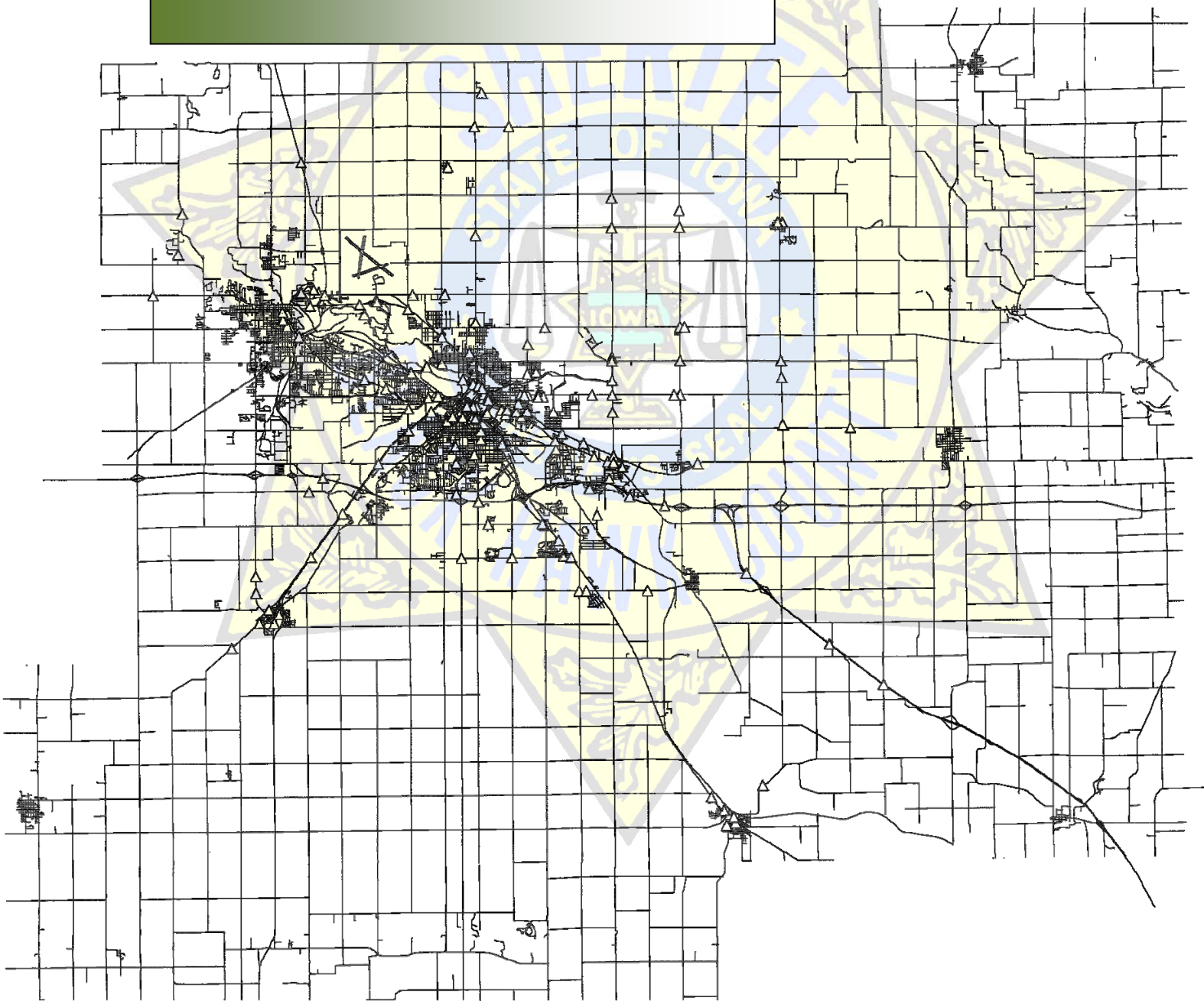
Calls By Day of Week



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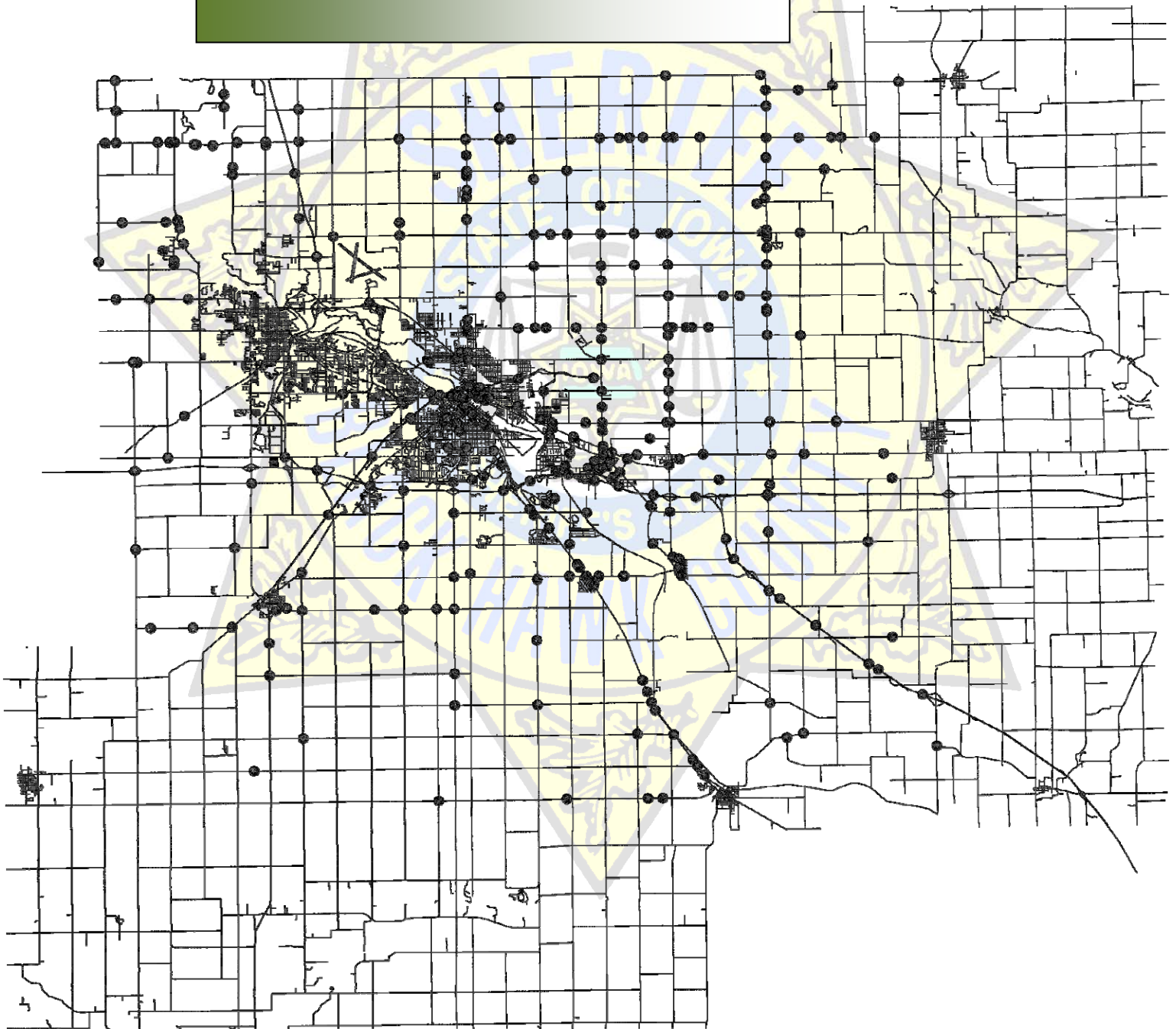
OWI ARREST LOCATIONS



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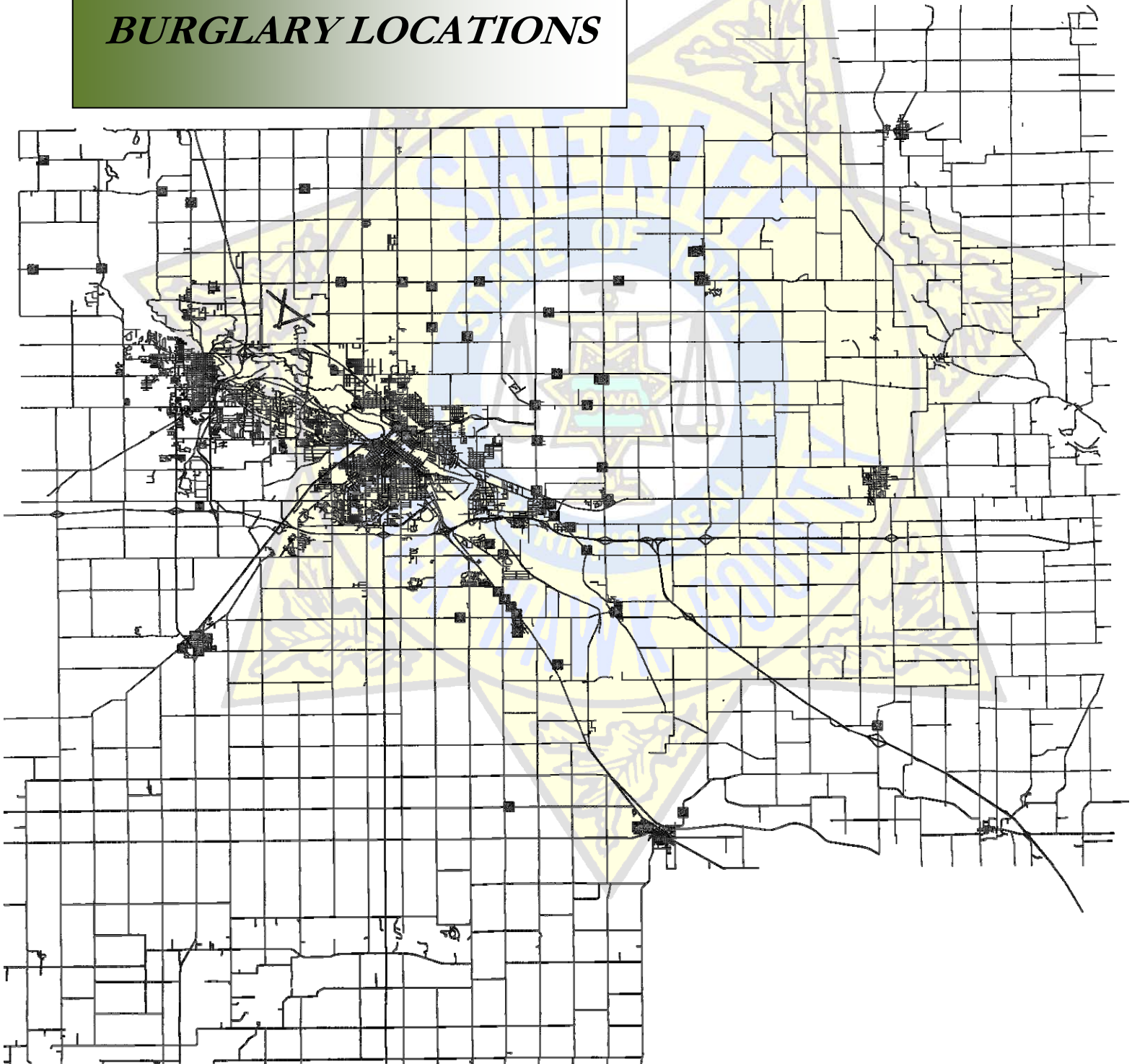
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT LOCATIONS



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BURGLARY LOCATIONS





Patrol Division

2009

Changes Influence Results

The Patrol Division has seen substantial gains in arrests and citations issued this year thanks to the to the creation of an additional third shift deputy position and an emphasis on patrol opportunities in the metro areas of the county. 2009 saw an increase of 476 total arrests and 2,323 total citations over 2008!

The Patrol Division benefited positively from the creation of an additional third shift patrol deputy position. This allowed for an increased presence during the late night hours and resulted in an increase in OWI arrests.

A renewed emphasis on community based policing also contributed to the dramatic increase in Drug/Narcotics arrests. The Patrol division increased their presence in the urban areas of the county. By positioning themselves among a larger population concentration, the Patrol Division was able to interact with more people, and make a more dramatic impact on the drug related crime in our county.

Citizen Contact

By utilizing the concept that “increased contact creates increased positive results”,

	2007	2008	2009
Calls for Service	9,405	11,945	14,463
Arrests	3,035	3,358	3,834
Accidents (Fatal)	2	4	0
Accidents (Property Damage)	211	259	225
Accidents (Injuries)	79	73	60
Citations Issued	3,376	2,546	4,863
Warrant Services	662	1,984	812
OWI Arrests	165	219	226
Thefts	129	173	119
Drug/Narcotics	125	188	319

The Patrol Division has taken advantage of focusing on safety violations as an opportunity to make contact with a larger number of drivers.

The ultimate goal of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office is the safety and protection of the county's citizens through excellence in law enforcement. Increased citizen contact facilitated by a focus on more manpower provided by the creation of an additional third shift Patrol Division position, and a focus on community policing, has brought us much closer to this goal. We continue to strive towards this endeavor.





Civil Division

2009

Civil Posts A Marked Increase in Papers Served!

In 2009, the division processed a grand total of **21,753** court processes. This year the division served **2,072** more papers than one year ago, resulting fewer papers returned un-served.

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 in 2009, 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.

	2007	2008	2009
Executions	4,046	3,690	4,256
Real Estate Sales	299	356	445
Condemnations	0	1	7
Writ of Attachments	2	1	0
Garnishments	3,997	3,761	3,977
1.1020.1 Levy	2	1	0
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Cash Register Levy	5	20	69
Demand	38	57	70
Security Lien	67	2	7
Temp Protective Order	180	169	193
Writ of Ejection	461	506	468
Writ of Possession	62	49	45
Writ of Replevin	58	58	68
Papers Served	16,590	17,971	20,043
Papers Unserved	2,165	2,095	1,710
Total Processes	18,755	20,066	21,753

Investigations Division

2009



Drugs Up Dramatically This Year / Crimes Against Children Remain Low

The Investigations Division saw a dramatic increase in drug related cases this year. Drug cases increased from 188 in 2008 to 319 in 2009.

We are proud of the symbiotic relationship between the patrol and investigations divisions. Traffic stops often lead to the discovery of drugs and paraphernalia, and through a close working relationship, the Investigations Division is not only able to generate unique drug related case work, but also follow up on illicit substance violations initiated by the Patrol Division.

In perhaps the most positive statistical trend, sexual crimes against children have continued to remain among our county's lowest occurrence. The Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office is proud to help in providing a safe place for children to grow and prosper and will continue to focus on maintaining the safety and success of the children of Black Hawk County.

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

Offense	2007	2008	2009
Assaults	70	72	116
Burglary	87	81	69
Criminal Mischief	65	89	94
Drug Violations	125	188	319
Kidnapping	0	1	0
Robbery	0	0	5
Sexual Offenses	14	12	9
Thefts	129	173	119
Child Enticement	8	0	1
Sexual Exploitation of a Minor	2	1	1



Jail Division

2009



Aggressive Fee Collection Leads to Increased Revenue

	2007	2008	2009
Average Daily Population	243.5	231.6	255.9
Jail Bookings	8,533	8,621	9,157
Jail Transports	753	630	712

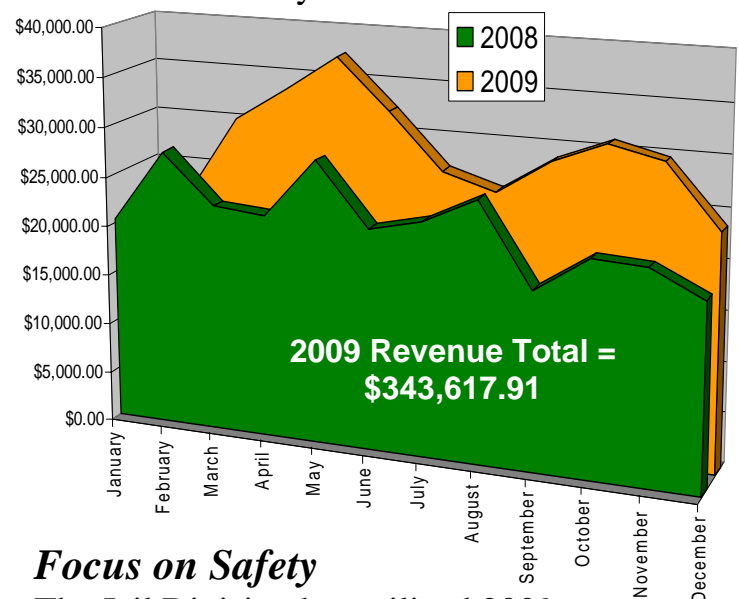
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2009 has seen an increase in total bookings and average daily population of the jail. This year, The Jail Division processed **536** more individuals than were processed in 2008.

The active collection program in addition to the newly instituted \$25 booking fee for those inmates entering our facility to serve time, or that have otherwise been previously convicted on the charge for which they are booked (i.e. Probation Violation, MITTIMUS, Parole Violation) has resulted in a

tremendous increase in room and board revenue. 2009 bookings and aggressive fee collecting generated \$343,617.91 in revenue, as compared to \$271,438.81 in 2008.



















Due to the increase in booking traffic, an additional third shift booking position was created to help with work load. The additional position has helped greatly to streamline the booking process and increase efficiency.



Focus on Safety

The Jail Division has utilized 2009 to institute a rotating safety officer program which includes every deputy assigned to the jail. Each month, a deputy is assigned to duties including, but not limited to, noting safety opportunities, compiling a list of immediate needs and reporting items to their supervisor. Safety is a priority in the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office.

2009 Accomplishments:

-  Restructured Administrative staff at a savings of \$14,000
-  Initiated Inmate Worker Program which resulted in an immediate cost savings to the county by performing previously contracted work.
-  Initiated Evening Visitation (Currently serving 1/3 of inmate population)
-  Initiated Town Hall Meetings to improve communications and connectivity to the citizens of Black Hawk County.
-  Administrative participation in the Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies Association's State: Jails Committee and State Legislative Committee
-  Initiated sentenced inmate booking fee (\$25.00)- Generating \$20,000 in revenue (approximately) per year.
-  Changes to Administrative Office hours: Monday-Friday 8-4:30 for any Sheriff's Office business.
-  Revamping the departmental training program
-  Redesigned Sworn Officer Evaluation Program
-  Initiated a Citizen Complaint and Audit procedure and form
-  Increased revenues for weapons permits
-  Increased community services programming and expanding drug education programming
-  Changed inmate uniforms at a cost savings of \$2.00 per uniform
-  Initiated Citizen's Advisory Council for greater community involvement and oversight/advisory opportunity
-  Initiating new jail inmate programming such as Batterer's Education, Life skills, Parenting Program, expanded Ministerial and Community Outreach, Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous, and GED.
-  Altered the Jail's food service contract saving \$16,000 annually by focusing on milk served and hot vs. cold meals.
-  Improved safety by increasing staff: one booking clerk and one third shift patrolman.
-  Implemented aggressive recoupment effort for room and board debts resulting in over \$70,000 more revenue from previous years.

Closing Comments:

As you can see, the first 12 months of this new administration has been a very active and busy time. I am very pleased with the productive start, and anticipate continuing to seek new and inventive ways to continue our slow, methodical and proactive change.

I look forward to continuing to focus on ways to improve service while maintaining a rigidly tight budget. I am challenged each day to focus on improving and increasing revenue sources and balancing our productivity with our ever increasing statutory demands.

Our jail continues to be a priority to streamline our operation, and champion the positive strides that have been achieved while continuing to find ways to have even greater impact with this facility. Our programming efforts, our focus on recidivism and our earnest desire to ultimately reduce the demand for bed space within our building continues to drive our creativity and inventiveness regarding correctional operations at the Sheriff's Office.

Finally, as our agency continues to grow, mature and change with the times, I pledge an organization that is flexible, ingenious with our budgetary planning and dynamic with our application of law enforcement force within our communities. I pledge professionalism and a genuine desire to serve the citizens of Black Hawk County with creativity, foresight, and commitment to excellence as our focus.

I encourage the insightful review of our efforts and short term successes. I hope that it spurs questions and comments. I invite you to contact me at anytime, as I hope that this is yet another demonstration of the intended transparency of this office and of this effort.



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