



Annual Report



Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office

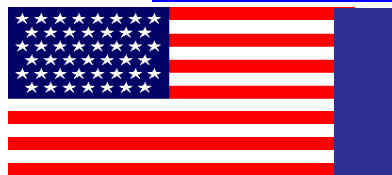
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BLACK HAWK COUNTY

To the Citizens of Black Hawk County:

I am pleased to be able to provide you with this 2010 Sheriff's Office Annual Report.

We have established an operational tempo in this past year unsurpassed by any previous standard. I am extremely proud of our office and of our organization. In nearly every statistic, we have demonstrated an increased focus and effort. We have done so without increasing our budget and without jeopardizing the basic tenants that this office has built our respected foundation from.



I hope as you review this year's annual report, you recognize the impact of our efforts, you share with me a pride in our organization, and you are able to envision the improved future that Black Hawk County has as a result of the outstanding law enforcement organization that is the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office.

With each new year, we assess the results from the previous and determine those "fronts" where more attention and focus is needed. We develop strategies to help continue a positive impact and determine where additional potential lies for improvement.

As you read through this document, I encourage your questions, your comments, and your concerns through an open dialogue with your Sheriff's Office. We are truly proud to serve you as a citizen and stand passionately by our motto of "Excellence in Law Enforcement".

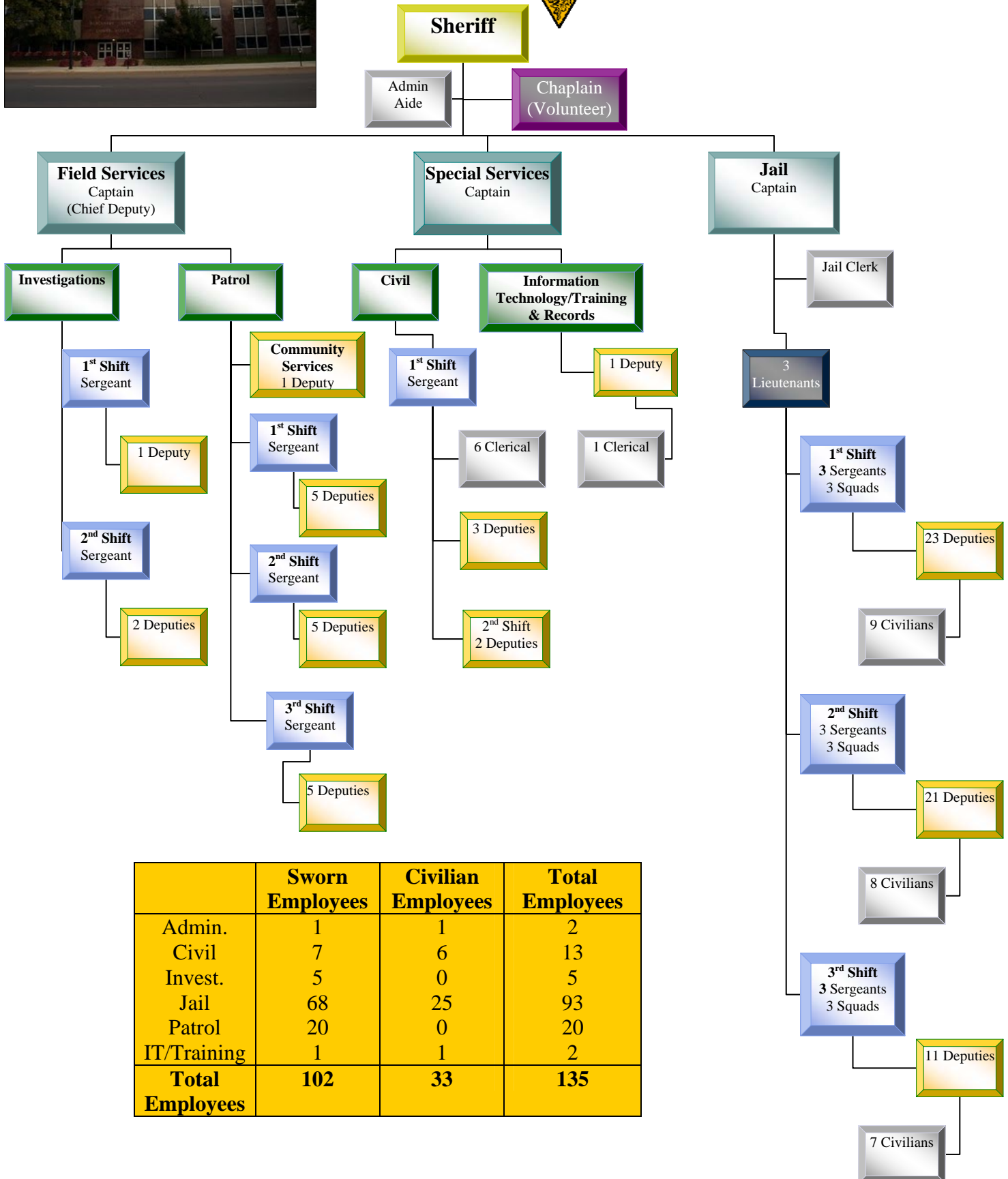
Respectfully,

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Sheriff Tony Thompson



2010 Organizational Chart



	Sworn Employees	Civilian Employees	Total Employees
Admin.	1	1	2
Civil	7	6	13
Invest.	5	0	5
Jail	68	25	93
Patrol	20	0	20
IT/Training	1	1	2
Total Employees	102	33	135

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2010 MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office to provide professional, high quality and effective law enforcement, correctional and court security services in partnership with the communities we serve. We, the members of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, believe that our work has a vital impact on the quality of life in our county. To demonstrate our commitment to our profession, on and off duty, we subscribe to the following values;

PRIDE

The office recognizes that its employees are the vital component to the successful delivery of law enforcement, corrections and court security services. We believe we can achieve our highest potential by actively involving our employees in problem solving and outwardly demonstrate our support for and pride in our staff.

INTEGRITY

Integrity is defined as being honest, moral, upright and sincere. Public trust can only exist with our integrity and respect for one another. The foundation of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office is the expectation of the highest level of integrity in its employees.

PROFESSIONALISM

Recognizing the changing and diverse needs of the communities we serve, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office promotes and encourages a policy of professional individual excellence, which is delivered and enhanced by continuing education, training, and administration support and the outward demonstration.

FAIRNESS

Sheriff's Office members shall uphold laws in an ethical, impartial, courteous, and professional manner while respecting the rights and dignity of all persons. We shall strive to achieve a balance between enforcement and community needs which reflects both the spirit and the letter of the law. We support an organizational climate of mutual trust and respect. We endeavor to always be fair and impartial in our decisions and responses to issues which fall within the confines of our assigned duties.

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2010 Notable Statistics

UCR Reportable Offenses

"A" Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>
Arson	0	1	1
Aggravated Assault	37	51	21
Assault Domestic	12	41	34
Assault Simple	23	24	22
Burglary	81	69	65
Criminal Mischief	89	94	83
Drug Violations	188	319	370
Kidnapping	1	0	0
Robbery	0	5	1
Murder	0	0	0
Sexual Offenses	12	10	13
Thefts	173	124	126
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	13	4	13
Entice/Exploitation Child	1	1	1

"B" Offenses

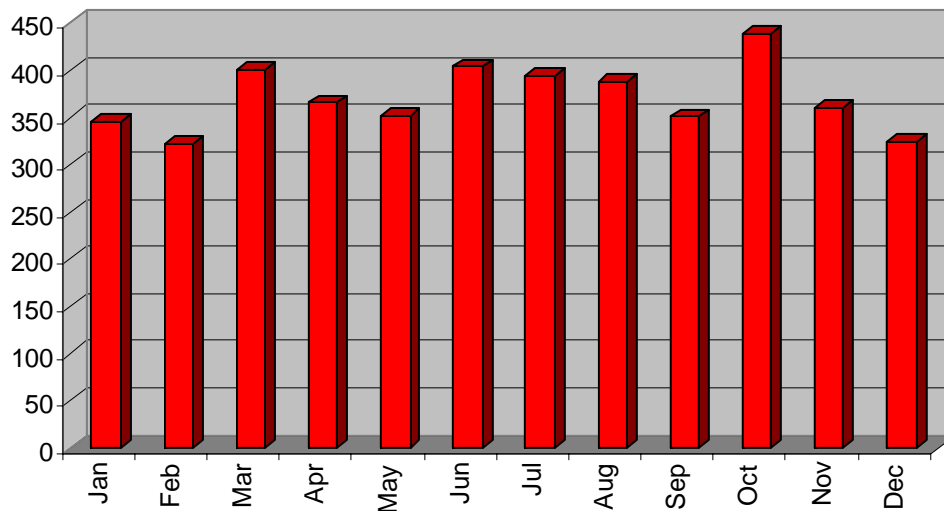
<i>Offense</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>
Liquor Law Violations	46	60	113
OWI	219	226	273
Public Intoxication	18	22	33
Family Offenses	9	13	11
Runaway	16	18	14
Suspicion	11	23	16
Bad Checks	6	4	4
Trespass	9	23	8
All Other Offenses	96	59	14

- denotes increase from 2009 statistics

Calls for Service			
	2008	2009	2010
Total Calls for Service in Black Hawk County	133,133	133,771	136,373
Total Sheriff's Office Calls for Service	11,945	14,463	14,583

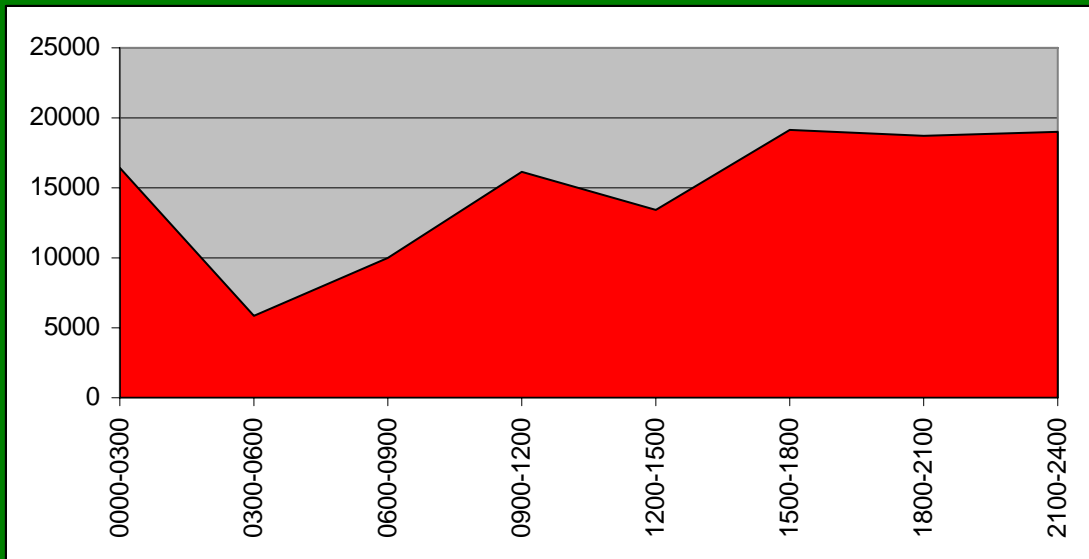
In 2010, the Sheriff's Office responded to **2,602** more calls for service than in 2008.
That constitutes just over an additional 7 calls for service every day.

Arrests By Month

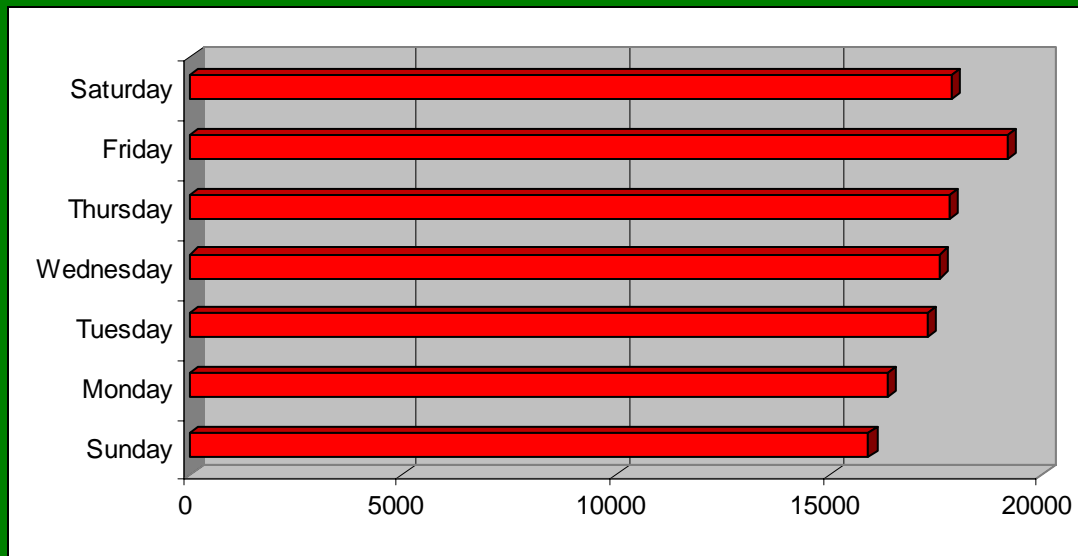


In 2009, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office arrested **3,834** persons on criminal charges.
In 2010, this effort increased to **4,449** arrests.
This is just shy of 2 more arrests each day of the year.

Calls By Time Of Day



Calls By Day Of Week



The Sheriff's Office has focused much effort in 2010 on deterring illegal narcotics and alcohol related offenses. This year the Sheriff's Office worked **51** more illegal drug related incidents and increased its alcohol enforcement by **36%**:

Narcotics Cases Worked

2009: 319
2010: 370

Alcohol Cases Worked

308 (Public Intox, OWI,
419 and Liquor Law Viol)



2010 Field Services Division

Illegal Narcotics and OWI Arrests

The goal for 2010 was simple... increase productivity.

The results from the effort is now apparent in our 2010 statistics, and its exactly what the Patrol and Investigations staff expected.

Narcotics cases jumped sharply for a second year in a row from **319** in 2009 to **370** this year. OWI's also had a dramatic increase from **226** in 2009 to **273** in 2010.

The increased efforts have continued to improve the safety on our streets and in our communities.



	2008	2009	2010
Calls for Service	11,945	14,463	14,583
Arrests	3,358	3,834	4,449
Accidents (Fatal)	4	0	1
Accidents (Property Damage)	259	225	201
Accidents (Injuries)	73	60	67
Citations Issued	2,546	4,863	4,889
Warrant Services	1,984	812	906
OWI Arrests	219	226	273
Thefts	173	119	126
Drug/Narcotics	188	319	370

DRE is the 2010 Deputy of the Year

Deputy Dave Hinz was recognized in December as the 2010 Deputy of the Year. Deputy Hinz, a 3rd shift patrol deputy was cited for the award for continually performing his duties with professionalism, dedication and inventiveness. He was recognized further for his activities as a DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) and the additional personal time invested in making this effort a success.

According to Sheriff Thompson, "In 2010, Deputy Hinz conducted an additional **20** DRE examinations which resulted in **19** additional drunk or drug impaired drivers being removed from our county roadways. Through his individual efforts as a senior patrol deputy, he continues to make Black Hawk County a safer place to live and work."



2010 Harley Davidson's Added

For several years, the Sheriff's Office used motorcycle units for parades and patrol work, taking advantage of a minimal lease program. When that program went away, so did the motorcycles.

In 2010, the Sheriff elected to use money forfeited in drug cases to re-lease motorcycles for use in patrol, community services, and civil process services.

The use of a Harley Davidson motorcycle in lieu of a squad car saves gas, provides better community visibility and increases traffic enforcement capabilities in our contracted communities.

Investigators Continue to Increase Impact

As is evident in the chart below, much of the success that the Sheriff's Office enjoys is based on the aggressive deployment of a small group of savvy, ingenious, and dedicated investigators.

This group is able to pick up an initial investigation and find resolution that results in property recovery, arrests and satisfied victims and we are truly blessed to have the group of professionals that currently operate in the function of our Investigative Services.

Offense	2008	2009	2010
Assaults	72	116	160
Burglary	81	69	65
Criminal Mischief	89	94	83
Drug Violations	188	319	370
Kidnapping	1	0	0
Robbery	0	5	1
Sexual Offenses	12	9	13
Thefts	173	119	126
Child Enticement	0	1	1





2010 Community Services

DON'T Turns 10!!!

For 10 years now Drugs Offer No Tomorrow (DON'T) has been the Sheriff's Office answer to drug education in our rural community school districts.

The Sheriff's Office provides drug education to Dunkerton Community Schools, Union Community Schools, and Gilbertville Don Bosco School District.

Students learn to live a drug free life while working closely with our Community Services Coordinator, Deputy Joe Stafford.

Shadow Boxers Experience Success

Since October of 2009, the Shadow Boxers Youth Diversion Program has established growth potential and positive community impact for youthful offenders and "at risk" youth in Black Hawk County.

Fashioned after the inmate worker program, youths contract for one year to participate in community service and programming to affect a more positive approach to life and their obligations at school and home.

Shadow Boxers started with 13 families and has now grown to over 70 participating members.



We Serve Community Needs



Whether jumping into a cold pond on a December morning to raise money for the Iowa Special Olympics, or getting hit with water balloons during Quakerdale's Mobile Summer Camp, Sheriff's Deputies work in our communities in unique ways not commonly associated with law enforcement. Always working to improve on our community partnerships, we can enjoy having a good laugh for a good cause, even if its at our expense.



2010 Jail Services Division

An Overwhelming Year of **Highs**

In the Jail Services Division, any effort of increased enforcement on the streets results in an increase in demands in the jail.

This year was no different. The Jail bore the weight of increased enforcement by the Waterloo Police, Cedar Falls Police and the Black Hawk County Sheriff.

Our facility can house 272 inmates on the housing level. Our average daily population rose to 267 this year, illustrating a nearly full to capacity jail for the year.

	2008	2009	2010
Average Daily Population	231.6	255.9	267
Jail Bookings	8,621	9,157	9,558
Jail Transports	630	712	831

24/7/365 Jail Medical Services

Beginning July of 2010, the jail began enjoying the services of 24 hour a day medical services. These services include emergency medical response to inmate issues, intake assessments of arrestees, routine treatment, mental health assessment and treatment, medication passes and improved response to and continuity of inmate medical care.

In 2010, the Jail Medical Clinic provided:

- 4,643 Inmate medical visits
- 2,320 Inmate Mental Health visits
- 1,882 Mental Health prescriptions
- A reduction of off-site trips from 10.5 per month to 7.8 since the new contract.

Jail Room and Board Revenues:

2008- **\$271,438.81**
 2009- **\$343,619.08**
 2010- **\$371,679.87**

In the past two years, the Sheriff's Office has increased recovery of money owed to tax payers for the real expense of housing inmates by over **\$100,000.**

Room and Board Revenues Continue to Climb

For the second straight year, the revenues generated from room and board fees, as well as booking fees (recoupment for tax dollars spent on housing sentenced inmates in county jail) increased dramatically. This is a direct result from increased efforts in collecting the owed fees.

Northwest Shuttle Saves Transportation *Money*

A new partnership with multiple law enforcement agencies across the entire northwest of the United States now allows for substantial savings in inmate transportation and extradition expenses.

In our first year of fully using this reciprocal cooperating agreement, Black Hawk County has conducted 18 transports at a cost savings of over **\$14,000**.

Inmate Workers Have Impact

When Sheriff Thompson took office, he promised to increase the impact of the Inmate Worker Program.

Inmates routinely work within the facility mopping floors, cleaning common areas and doing inmate laundry. This effort has now expanded to routine maintenance efforts for snow removal on the sidewalks of the courthouse, jail building and juvenile court services offices, and mowing of these same building's lawns.

Additionally, inmates work in roadside ditches, with county conservation in county parks, and with local city governments in beautification projects throughout Black Hawk County.



Jail Programming on Overdrive

One of the most marked improvements in recent years for the inmate population has been access to programming.

We offer several different types of programming intended to encourage a change of lifestyle and to deter recidivism in our facility.

Whether faith-based or self-improvement oriented, the jail now offers both court mandated programming as well as self-help offerings.

The list includes: the [Batter's Education Program](#), [GED](#), [Narcotics/Alcoholics Anonymous](#), the [Celebrate Recovery Program](#), [Mental Health Education Group](#), [Faith-Based Reentry Program](#), [Bible Study](#) and [Church Services](#).





2010 Special Services Division

Special Services Under New Command

Following the retirement of Captain Reid Corson on December 31st, 2010, the Special Services Division will be under the administration of Captain Mark Johnson.

Sheriff's Sales Slow as Economy Improves

As is evident by the activity chart below, the Civil Services staff has seen a much needed return to normal levels after 2009 taxed nearly every category of their obligations to the courts.

	2008	2009	2010
Executions	3,690	4,256	4,620
Real Estate Sales	356	445	342
Condemnations	1	7	3
Writ of Attachments	1	0	1
Garnishments	3,761	3,977	3,373
1.1020.1 Levy	1	0	1
1.1020.0 Levy	4	2	3
Cash Register Levy	20	69	28
Demand	57	70	51
Security Lien	2	7	4
Temp Protective Order	169	193	199
Writ of Ejection	506	468	375
Writ of Possession	49	45	44
Writ of Replevin	58	68	60
Papers Served	17,971	20,043	19,507
Papers Unserved	2,095	1,710	1,742
Total Processes	20,066	21,753	21,249

Captain Johnson was the longtime commander of the Jail Division, and looks forward to the new challenges that await him in the new position.



Sheriff's Website Catches Crooks

Since early in 2009, the Sheriff's Office has used the internet to better inform the public of our services. Starting this year, and with the cooperation of the Waterloo Courier, the website now highlights **Black Hawk County's Most Wanted**.

The list of 10-15 criminals who are currently being sought for criminal charges and warrants for their arrests has been extremely effective.



Through the use of the website and Facebook®, the Sheriff's Office has been able to put approximately 80% of everyone featured on the list in custody.

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Raymond Training Facility Takes Shape

Through the generous offer from Basic Materials Corporation, Black Hawk County was able to lease approximately 37 acres of land for 99 years for \$1.00.

Since the acquisition of the land, slow, methodical development has begun. The first effort was to establish earthen berms to allow for the creation of two firearms training ranges.

By the end of the construction season, a 100 yard and a 50 yard firearms range was nearly finished. Complete with 20 foot high backstops and side-safety berms, the work was completely accomplished with donated equipment, time and expertise.

Our partners include Peterson Contractors Incorporated, Altorfer Incorporated, Murphy Tractor and Equipment, MidCountry Machinery Incorporated, the Black Hawk County Engineer's Office, Black Hawk County Conservation, and many, many others.

Future additions include a classroom and shop building, observation towers, a 300 yard rifle qualification range, and various different scenario buildings on the property.





2010 **Administrative Services Division**

Budget Concerns Continue

The Sheriff's Office constitutes a large percentage of the overall county budget. Each year, the Sheriff's Office's Administrative staff assesses our asking to ensure that we are able to provide both the court and code mandated services as well as the services that our citizens have come to expect.

It goes without saying that we remain focused on providing the highest quality and level of service without costing the county more money to provide it.

For two years now, the Sheriff's Office has kept a 0% increase in our asking (excluding outside vendor contracts and union employee contract increases).

Sheriff's Office on Television

Since early in 2010, Sheriff Thompson has been using public access television to better inform and give insight on Sheriff's Office activities through "**Sheriff's Spotlight**".

The weekly television show, allows the office to highlight important information, statistics and give an inside look at our operations.

The show can be seen on both Waterloo's and Cedar Falls' Cable Access Television channel 15.

Citizen's Advisory Council Launched

Fulfilling a campaign promise and improving a process of ensuring better transparency for the citizens we serve, Sheriff Thompson initiated an effort to develop the **Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC)**.

For nearly a year, a steering committee made up of local interested citizens, representing several organizations, to include: NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), Waterloo Human Rights Commission, NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill), and CURE (Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants) established operational policies, bylaws and a constitution.

Today, the council serves to provide the citizen's voice, Sheriff's Office advocacy and information flow for improving our operations both inside and outside our jail facility.

