



***Black Hawk County
Sheriff's Office
2012 Annual Report
"Excellence in Law Enforcement"***

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Sheriff's Welcome



Dear Black Hawk County Citizens:

The year 2012 has been one of the most trying and challenging for our agency in recent memory. With two nationally scrutinized incidents, the murder of an officer's daughter, a jail escape, and routine challenges of our yearly duties, we have been tested by a myriad of trials and difficult situations, but have weathered the storms and risen to the challenges.

While we cannot claim victory on all fronts, we have been able to assess our efforts and evaluate our strengths and weaknesses. And through all the tribulations, we have persevered, becoming better and more proficient as an agency because of them.

They say that from the hottest fires, the finest metal is made. I can attest that your Sheriff's Office is made of some of the finest metal. Our staff are personally invested in making Black Hawk County a safer and more secure place to live, work, and raise a family. We take our work personally, and are prideful of our service... and I think that it shows in the quality and quantity of the services we provide.

On the following pages are the statistics and data that we measure our yearly success by. In many respects, we have marshaled out another outstanding year, in others we have not yet attained our goals. Overall, I am extremely proud of this organization and of the efforts exerted on behalf of our citizens.

As you look through the details of the year 2012, should you have questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know. I thank you for the honor of serving Black Hawk County!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AT Thompson', written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Tony Thompson

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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.

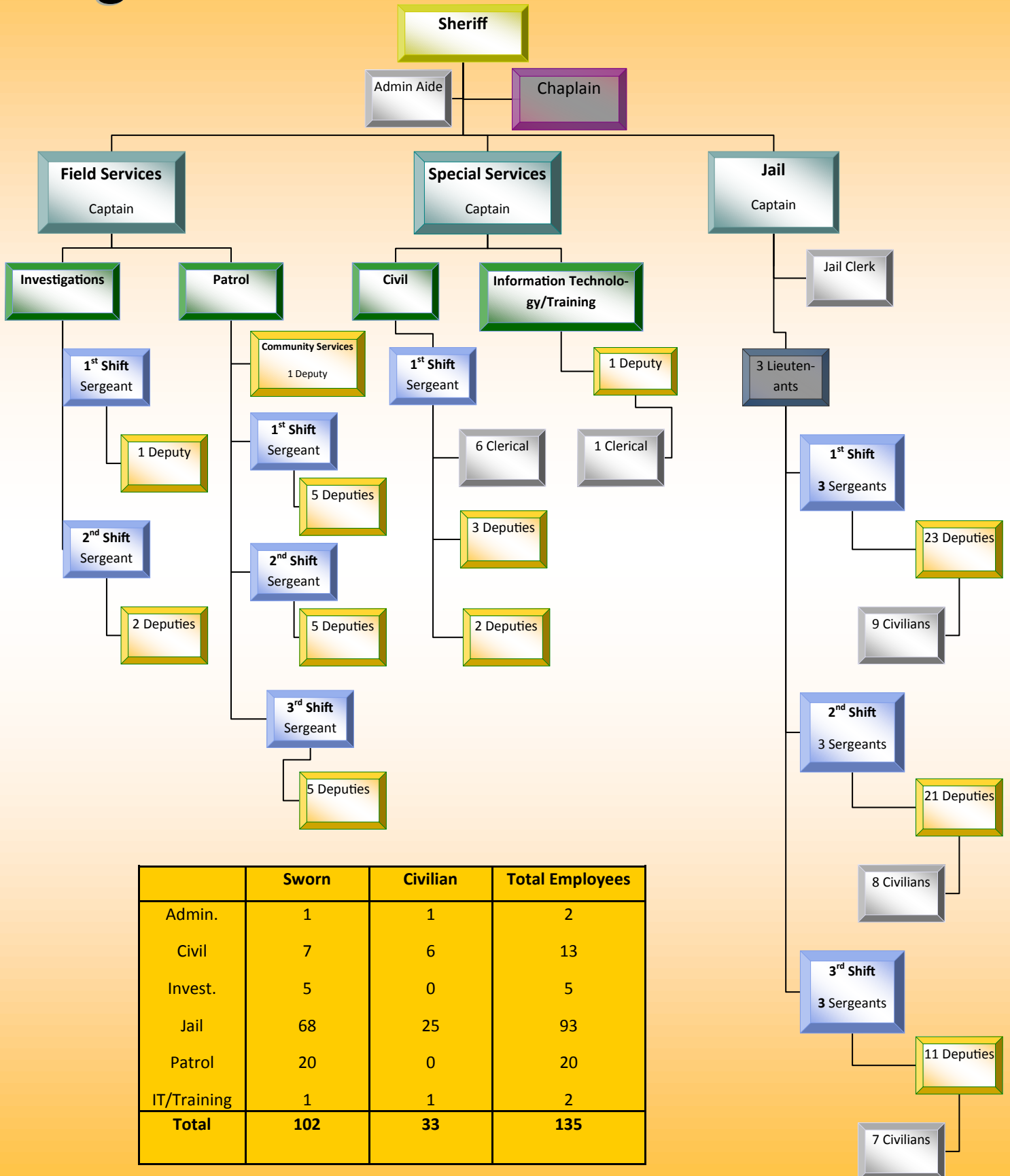
PROFESSIONALISM

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.

Organizational Chart



Significant Statistics

"A" Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>
Arson	1	0	0
Aggravated Assault	21	5	3
Assault Domestic	34	18	11
Assault Simple	22	18	16
Burglary	65	52	77
Criminal Mischief	83	57	66
Drug Violations	370	244	151
Kidnapping	0	0	1
Robbery	1	0	0
Murder	0	0	0
Sexual Offenses	13	12	15
Thefts	126	87	77
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	13	2	7
Entice/Exploitation Child	1	0	0

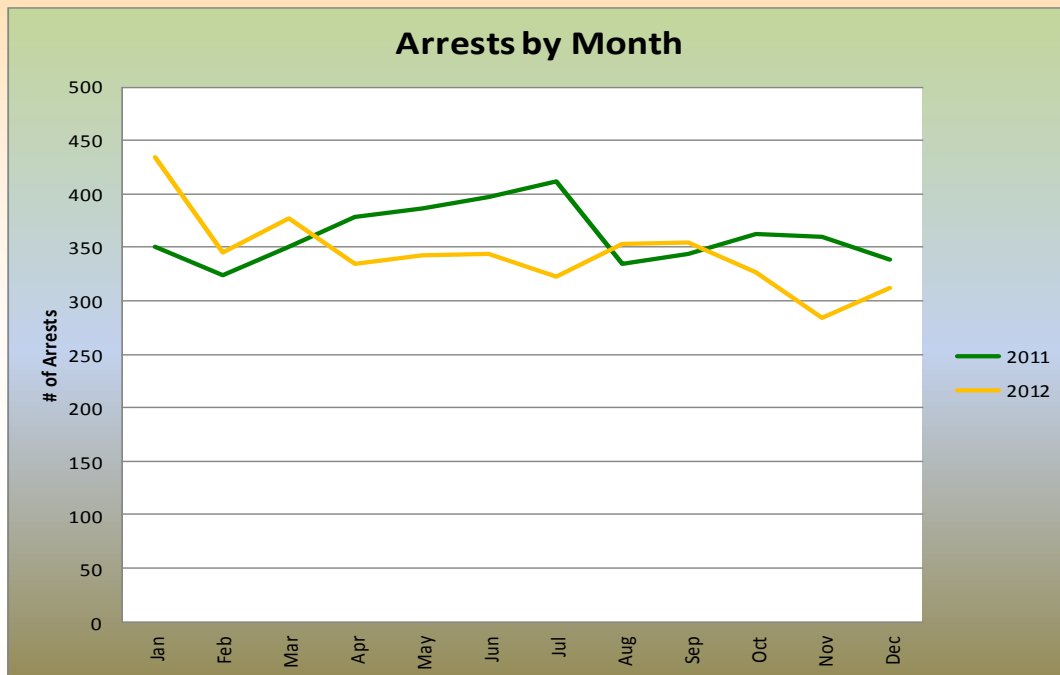
"B" Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>
Liquor Law Violations	113	42	3
OWI	273	323	342
Public Intoxication	33	57	47
Family Offenses	11	8	8
Runaway	14	16	14
Suspicion	16	4	11
Bad Checks	4	4	9
Trespass	8	12	11
All Other Offenses	14	16	31

 - denotes increase from 2011 statistics

Significant Statistics

Sheriff's Office Arrests			
	2010	2011	2012
Total Arrests	4,449	4,337	4,130



Most Common Arrests

While arrests are down (by just over 200) from 2011, the Sheriff's Office continues to average around 344 arrests per month.

Driving offense arrests remain our predominate focus, including operating while suspended, barred, or revoked, and OWI. Theft, drug possessions and public intoxication round out our most common arrest charges for 2012.

Suspended, Barred, Revoked License:	577 arrests
OWI (1st, 2nd, and 3rd offense):	342 arrests
Theft:	77 arrests
Drugs– Marijuana:	54 arrests
Public Intoxication:	47 arrests

Significant Statistics

Calls for Service			
	2010	2011	2012
Total Calls for Service in Black Hawk County	136,373	133,726	133,078
Total Sheriff's Office Calls for Service	14,583	14,047	15,328

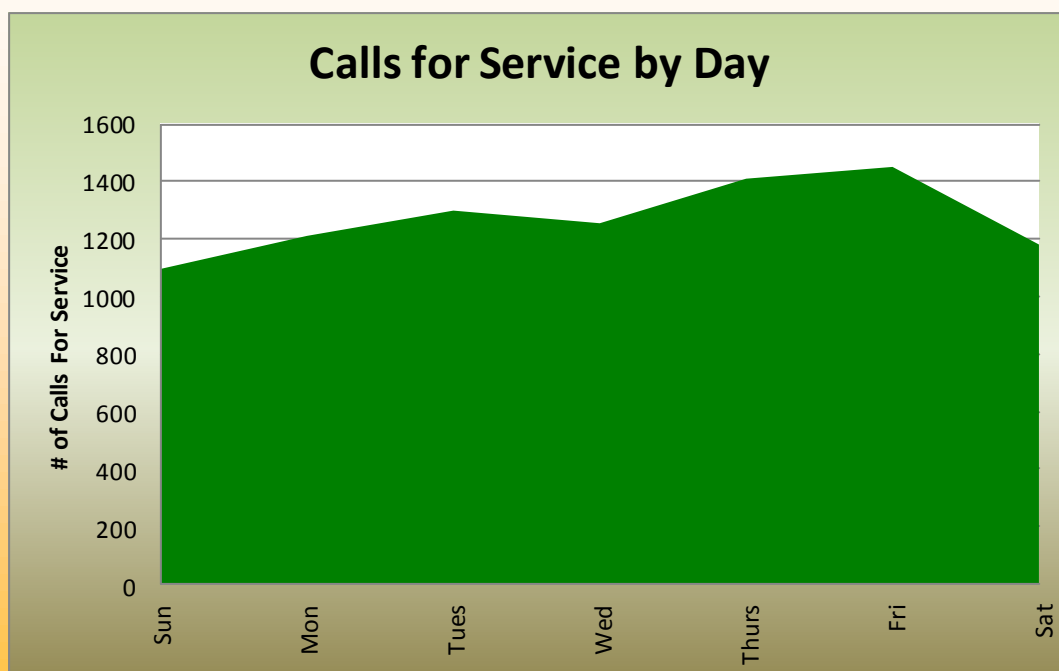
Calls for Service Increase in 2012

The Sheriff's Office responded to 1,281 more calls for service in 2012 than in 2011. We average approximately 41 calls for service each and every day of the year. Up from an average of 38 calls per day last year.

The county is divided in half, North and South, from approximately Independence Avenue (Waterloo) in the East and West 27th Street (Cedar Falls) in the West. Though nearly the same, more calls came from the southern half of Black Hawk County (**3,517**) than the northern half (**3,037**) in 2012.

Friday's continue to be our most active day for service calls at 1,451 calls for service. Sundays result in our lowest day for calls at 1,096.

Sunday— 1,096 Monday— 1,211 Tuesday— 1,299 Wednesday— 1,255
Thursday— 1,410 Friday— 1,451 Saturday— 1,181



Administrative Services

Deputy George Wright Named the 2012 Deputy of the Year

During the Sheriff's Office Christmas party in December, Sheriff Thompson announced his choice for the 2012 Deputy of the Year as Deputy George Wright of the Jail Services Division.

Deputy Wright was selected by the command staff, and in a new approach this year, Sheriff Thompson also solicited recommendations from the line staff as well.

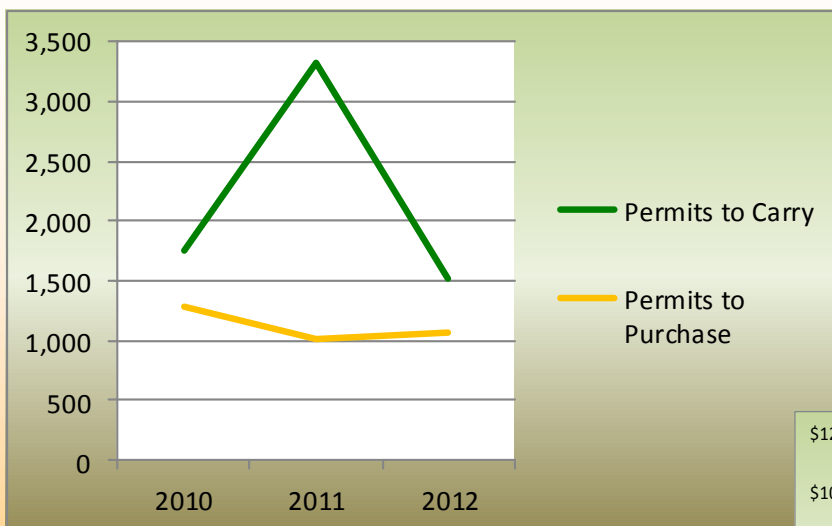
"George was recommended by both the division commanders and overwhelmingly from his peers," says Sheriff Thompson. "I think that it makes this year's award that much more special. Knowing that your peers and supervisors alike see an outstanding officer and great service."

Deputy Wright was cited for his perpetual positive attitude, outstanding years of service, and willingness to provide input, guidance, and insight to anyone seeking improvement.

Deputy Wright is in his 20th year of service to the citizens of Black Hawk County.

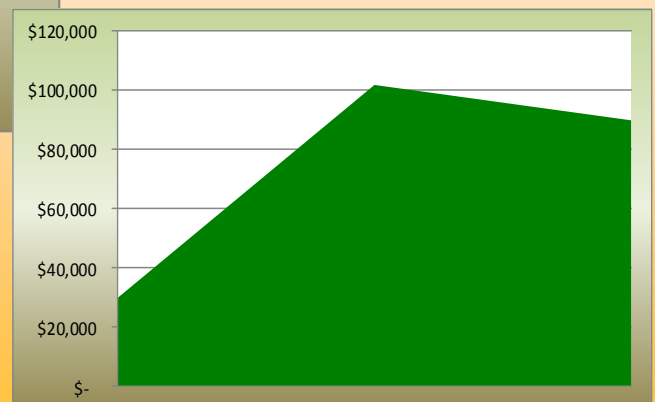


Weapons Permits Continue to Draw Attention



With just over 6,600 permits to carry issued in the past three years, the Sheriff's Office is issuing an average of 2,200 permits to carry each year. Permits to purchase are fewer with just over 3,300 issued in the past three years and an average of 1,100 per year.

While revenues spiked in 2011 (over \$101,000 generated), 2012 posted a respectable year for weapons permit revenues at \$89,830. This revenue goes directly back to the county's general fund to offset expenses and reduce tax demand.



Respecting the Past While Dedicated to the Future

In late June, Sheriff Thompson, along with about 50 citizens, dignitaries, and other elected officials, dedicated the Raymond Range Training Facility located on the East side of Raymond, Iowa. This training facility boasts two classrooms, three range facilities and room to develop even more training opportunities for all of Northeast Iowa.



In an effort to pay homage to those deputies killed in the line of duty, and in respect of those who served before, the Sheriff named the ranges and a classroom for our fallen officers.

"It is important to remember where we've been and on who's shoulders we stand today, capable of all these great things because of the sacrifices of those who've gone before us." Sheriff Thompson indicated in his dedication speech.



Jail Room and Board Revenues Tops \$400,000 in 2012

One of the administrative efforts most notable over the past 4 years was recoupment of debt owed for sentenced inmates. The charges per day were increased in 2012 from \$65.00 to \$70.00 per day to reimburse for rooming and boarding an inmate in the county jail.

In 2009, the Sheriff's Office brought in just over \$343,000 in revenues. In 2012, the agency recouped \$401,190 in room and board fees owed. Each month, the Sheriff's Office has continued to demonstrate an increase in debt collection, in partnership with the County Attorney's Office, as well as collection processes within the agency. Presently, we average more than \$33,000 of revenue per month in this effort.



Hosting the 2012 Police Officer Memorial Ceremony

It was the Sheriff's Office's goal to make the 2012 Police Officer Memorial a memorable one for both officers and family/friends of our fallen. With the introduction of a rose ceremony and a wreath, we feel like it was another outstanding way to pay homage to those officers who have given their life in service to our county and our citizens. Below is a photo collage of that ceremony from May.



Jail Services

From the Commander

I have now been the Jail Captain for two years, and have learned many things from the past year. I continue to experience something new almost every day. The Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office continues to operate a direct supervision jail, with a capacity of 272 inmates in our housing areas.

We are continuously at or near capacity all year long. At times, we have had to house some of our inmates elsewhere due to over-crowding. A direct supervision jail is a new age type jail, where inmates are more directly supervised by jail staff. When you see prisons and jails on television, for the most part, you 'll see doors and walls constructed of steel bars. In the Black Hawk County Jail, there are no such bars. The housing units and cells are made of solid walls and doors. We have a contracted nursing staff that is here 24 hours every day of the year, and a contracted food service provider.

There have been some improvements made to the jail this past year. The security camera system has been expanded to include camera coverage of critical areas that once were considered blind spots. Cells and other areas of the jail continue to be painted by inmate workers. The capabilities of the inmate telephone system recorders have been enhanced. We have new restraint chairs for those inmates who are a threat to themselves. The cell windows have been filmed over to prevent security issues. The camera housings in our maximum security area received modifications to further prevent the hiding of contraband and weapons. New security measures have been enacted in response to a successful escape of an inmate here in July.

I look forward to another successful and less hectic year as the Jail Captain in 2013. If you have questions or comments regarding the jail, please contact me.

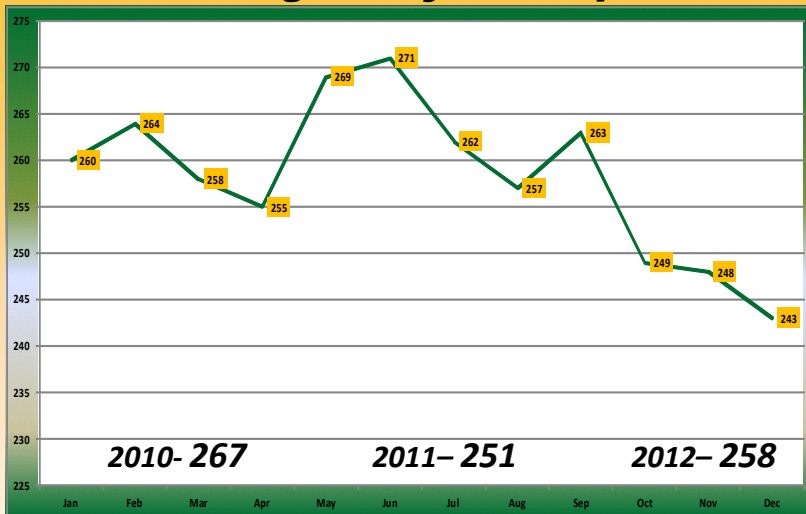
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2012 Average Daily Jail Populations



Jail Population Climbs

While the overall growth over the past year was minimal, the acute growth, particularly in the female population remanded to the Black Hawk County Jail has continued to increase. Presently, and for much of the year, the agency has needed to house over-flow females in adjacent counties to prevent overcrowding.

While problematic, this problem is also easily remedied through cooperative partnerships

with the Department of Corrections and Correctional Services. The Sheriff's Office is continuing its efforts to advocate for the staffing and opening of the Waterloo Women's Center for Change which would open an additional 45 female housing beds for offenders in the 1st Judicial District. This sentencing option for judges in the district would no doubt have a dramatic impact on our inmate count.

	2010	2011	2012
Average Daily Population	267	251	258
Jail Bookings	9,558	9,153	9,244
Jail Transports	831	676	862

Inmate Work Crews Continue to have Impact

Over the past 4 years, our inmate work crew has increased its impact both inside the jail facility, and outside as well.

Over the past year, the inmate work crew conducted trash clean up on over 15 miles of county roads, they eradicated graffiti in George Wyth State Park and along the bike trails, they weeded, mowed, raked, shoveled, moved furniture, and improved the county one project at a time. Based on the public support of the program, we are very pleased with the impact had during 2012, and look to have even greater and further reaching impact with our crews in the coming years.



Special Services

From the Commander



I would like to thank the citizens of Black Hawk County for this opportunity to address the highlights of 2012 for the Special Services Division at the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office.

Our largest accomplishment was the opening and dedication of the Sheriff's Office Raymond Training Facility. This was the result of thousands of volunteer hours by many individuals as well as a close partnership with numerous local businesses. Many months ago the thought of a half million dollar facility with no cost to taxpayers was just a dream.

We at the Sheriff's Office are truly blessed and thankful for all that was done. This state of the art facility will be cherished for many years to come. We will continue to attract more regional training opportunities and work closely with all law enforcement agencies in Iowa to have better trained staff, reducing liability, while keeping the citizens ever mindful, "we will do our best".

Civil process numbers changed slightly with our continued goal of providing extraordinary service, with prompt attention to each process, in a courteous and professional manner. Increased revenues, with lower costs is a common goal of all our staff.

Computer technology is ever changing with an emphasis on speed, accuracy, and the ability to process more information. The implementation of digital citations has become a reality, which will reduce traffic stop time as well as eliminating clerical hours for data entry. Mobile data computers were recently installed in remainder of the Sheriff's "fleet". This will assist Deputies in processing information, officer safety, as well as assisting in the apprehension of wanted criminals.

We here at the Special Services Division pledge honest, forthright service with the best business practices possible.

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	2010	2011	2012
Executions	4,620	4,271	3,769
Real Estate Sales	342	240	268
Condemnations	3	9	0
Writ of Attachments	1	0	2
Garnishments	3,373	3,236	2,912
1.1020.1 Levy	1	10	6
1.1020.0 Levy	3	3	4
Cash Register Levy	28	22	17
Demand	51	19	23
Security Lien	4	3	2
Temp Protective Order	199	166	163
Writ of Ejection	375	384	419
Writ of Possession	44	37	20
Writ of Replevin	60	36	31
Papers Served	19,507	19,905	18,162
Papers Un-served	1,742	1,612	1,404
Total Processes	21,249	21,517	19,566

Training Continues to be Main Focus

How do you build a better organization? Sheriff Thompson prescribes to the concept that through regular counseling and honest annual evaluations, as well as a concerted dedication to quality training, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office can continue to improve the service it provides.

The citizens want and deserve the very best quality officer responding to their emergencies and crisis throughout the county. Training improves our response. Training improves our quality, and training improves our capabilities. Over the past 4 years, the Sheriff's Office continues to recognize the importance of training, which prompted the development of the Raymond Range Training Facility.

We also recognize the ability to take outside training opportunities and bring them back to better benefit our own training efforts. This is why we continue to work with other law enforcement agencies, other training organizations, and the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy to ensure that our officers receive the highest quality, effective quantities, and most valuable training available.

Through this effort, we are proud of our staff and of our increased capabilities in ensuring an effective, creative, and professional law enforcement response to the citizens of Black Hawk County.

Increased Investment in Training \$

2009 **\$36,993.83**

2010 **\$74,276.77**

2011 **\$73,644.82**

2012 **\$76,113.56**

Sheriff's Administration continues to invest more on the value of training for our staff.

(budgeted \$ spent yearly on training opportunities)



Field Services



From the Commander

The Field Services Division didn't have a lot of down time in 2012. From responding to calls for service in patrol to following up on criminal activity in the investigative unit.

The first half of 2012 was pretty much status quo with anything that came up being handled by the deputies assigned to the division. The second half of 2012 however, started off quite differently... with the investigation of an incident at Peregrine Financial, where the compa-

ny founder Russ Wassendorf attempted to take his life. This investigation then led to deputies requesting assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigations due to written confessions that he made concerning the embezzlement of nearly \$200 million dollars of investor's money.

The next incident that happened was an escape of an inmate from the Black Hawk County Jail. This case also utilized deputies from the patrol, investigations, jail, and special services division. Unfortunately, in the short time that the escapee was at large, he was able to commit several crimes and cause grief for many citizens. It was fortunate that his time away from the jail was short lived and due to the efforts of numerous law enforcement agencies, the escapee was captured the next day and returned to jail.

At the end of this same week, the abduction of two girls from Evansdale occupied our efforts and our focus for much of the remaining year. This incident also brought multiple agencies together, with our agency as the public information lead, and me as the Public Information Officer. I was able to not only work with the news media from around the United States, but also with the girl's families in an effort to get them returned to their community safely. As most know, this case did not have the outcome that we worked so diligently for, and remains an active case today, at the end of this year.

We also aided in a bank robbery in the town of Maynard, in Bremer County where the suspects shot at nine officers, striking two. The culmination of this event caused hundreds of local, county, state and federal officers to converge, work cooperatively, and demonstrate that the "long arm of the law" is stronger than ever.

2012 also saw the retirement of one of our outstanding K-9's, "Jasper" come to an end, but also saw the beginning of our newest K-9's career, "Loki", begin.

With a sigh of relief and emboldened focus, we say goodbye to 2012 and look forward to 2013 and whatever it may bring.

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More Calls, More Arrests, and More OWI's

 - denotes increase from 2011 statistics

While 2012 truly taxed the field services division, it also developed into a strong and dynamic year as well. Our officers responded to 1,277 more calls for service than in 2011. We also placed 398 more criminals in jail than in 2011.

For the 4th year in a row, we demonstrated another increase in our drunk driving enforcement arrests, and our hope is that this invested effort results in the rest of our county being safer from the devastating effects of drunk driving accidents.

Our accidents have ebbed and flowed over the past few years, and despite overt enforcement and aggressive patrolling tactics, our accidents were slightly up this year, although fewer motorists died on Black Hawk County roadways in 2012.

The Sheriff's Office patrol staff commits to aggressive enforcement of Iowa's traffic laws, rapid response, and safety oriented patrolling.

	2010	2011	2012
Calls for Service	14,583	14,047	15,328
Arrests	4,449	4,337	4,735
Accidents (Fatal)	1	4	2
Accidents (Property Damage)	201	145	170
Accidents (Injuries)	67	51	68
Citations Issued	4,889	4,360	3,997
Warrant Services	906	824	854
OWI Arrests	273	323	342
Thefts	126	87	77
Drug/Narcotics	370	244	151

Our Newest Deputy Only Weighs 55 Pounds

Though small in stature, our newest K-9, Loki, is big in strength, stamina, and bite! Loki was purchased in September from the Mid-Michigan Kennels in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. His handler, Deputy Matt Harris, travelled to Eaton Rapids twice over three months and in October returned home as a certified K-9 team.



Loki and Matt are certified through the IPWDA (International Police Working Dog Association) as a dual purpose team. Loki is trained in narcotics detection as well as patrol tactics.

He has started making routine appearances in the jail division to assist in security operations and will shortly begin working with the Sheriff's Office SWAT team as well.

The team hit the streets in mid October and by the end of November they already had raked in several minor narcotics detections, and a large, 1 pound seizure of crystal methamphetamine while supporting the Tri County Drug Task Force on a vehicle search.

We look forward to the increased capabilities of this new K-9 and the positive impact that he and his handler will have in our efforts to root out illegal narcotics from the streets and communities in Black Hawk County.