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2013 Annual Report

"Excellence in Law Enforcement"

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On the cover: Aerial views of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office (Black Hawk County Jail) in downtown Waterloo, and of the Sheriff's Office's Raymond Range Training Facility (RRTF), located just east of the city of Raymond, Iowa.

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To the Citizens of Black Hawk County:

As with most years, in 2013 the Sheriff's Office has continued to experience challenges and successes. Our statistics are included in this end of the year report, and I am very pleased to be able to present this data to you. I think that it measures our productivity, our positive impact on the communities we serve in Black Hawk County, and the amount of pride that our officers and staff take in the duties they perform to serve our citizens.

One of the things that this data will not show you is the amount of stress and energy expended to ensure these positive numbers and facts. It will not demonstrate the extenuating pressures placed on our employees to ensure these positive impacts, nor will it illustrate the overly difficult tasks which are negotiated each and every day to ensure the safety and security of our constituents. Law enforcement and corrections are difficult tasks every day... tasks wrought with danger, emergency, and on the spot decisions which we later have a lifetime to evaluate and digest.

Our staff trains each and every month to ensure that they are up to the difficulties that this career presents them daily. They have been forged through struggles to meet the demands of this job. They have been molded by the rigors of the training which they are constantly exposed to, and they have been shaped by the mentorship of our senior staff to exceed my and our citizen's expectations.

Our metal has been tested through a myriad of challenges in the year 2013, and we have survived, grown, matured, strengthened and improved our resolve as a result. We have met the challenges, improved, garnered strength and have recommitted to the task of providing outstanding service in the shadow of what we know will be a further challenging year in 2014.

We remain focused on our motto "**Excellence in Law Enforcement**", and while we are satisfied with our efforts, and while we are pleased with our positive impacts in 2013, we ready ourselves for the battles that 2014 brings.

I hope that as you review this 2013 Annual Report, you too find satisfaction in the job well done by our staff. I encourage your insightful review of our report, and encourage your feedback, questions, comments, or concerns. By being transparently available to our citizens, we also recognize the increased impact we are able to have. Through your partnership with our agency, we look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "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.



Annual Statistics



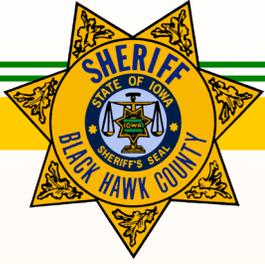
"A" Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
Arson	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	5	3	1
Assault Domestic	18	11	11
Assault Simple	18	16	19
Burglary	52	77	54
Criminal Mischief	57	66	63
Drug Violations	244	151	282
Kidnapping	0	1	2
Robbery	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0
Sexual Offenses	12	15	10
Thefts	87	77	72
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	2	7	9
Entice/Exploitation Child	0	0	0

"B" Offenses

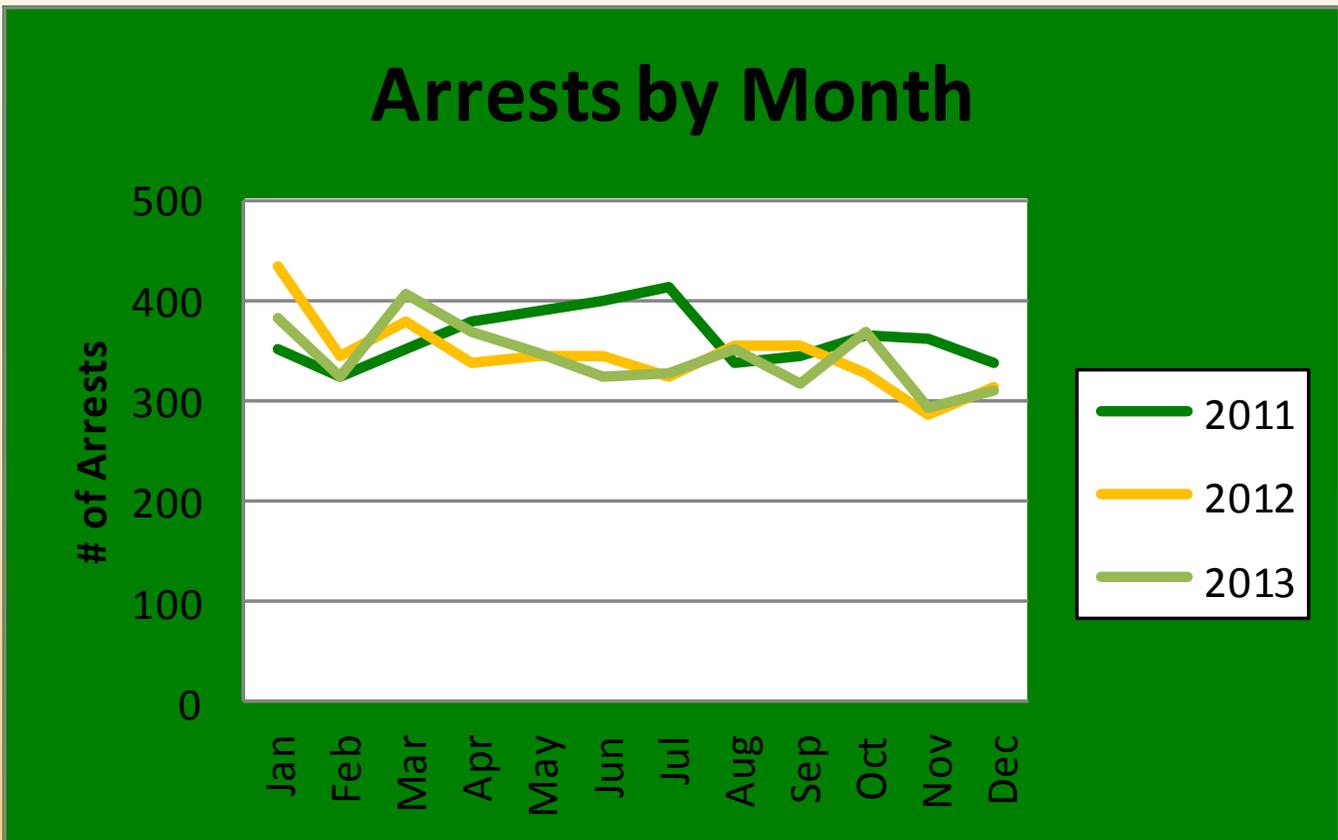
<i>Offense</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
Liquor Law Violations	42	3	17
OWI	323	342	313
Public Intoxication	57	47	32
Family Offenses	8	8	6
Runaway	16	14	6
Suspicion	4	11	8
Bad Checks	4	9	2
Trespass	12	11	12
All Other Offenses	16	31	25

 denotes increase from 2012 statistics



Annual Statistics

Sheriff's Office Arrests			
	2011	2012	2013
Total Arrests	4,337	4,130	4,107



Sheriff's Office's Most Frequent Arrests:

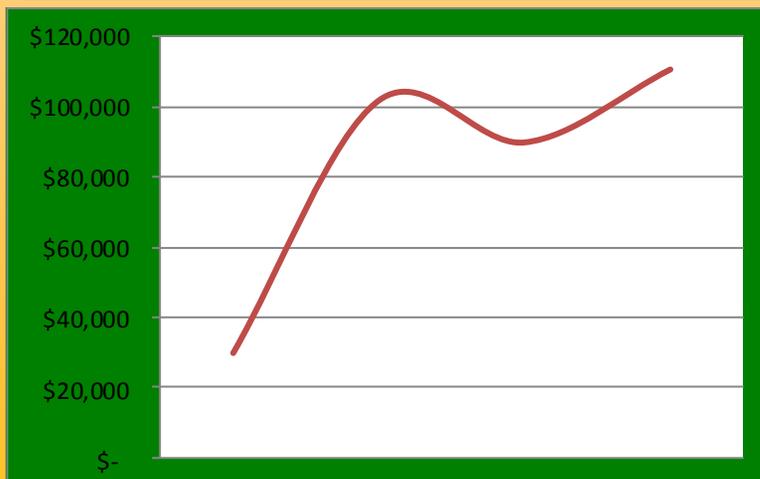
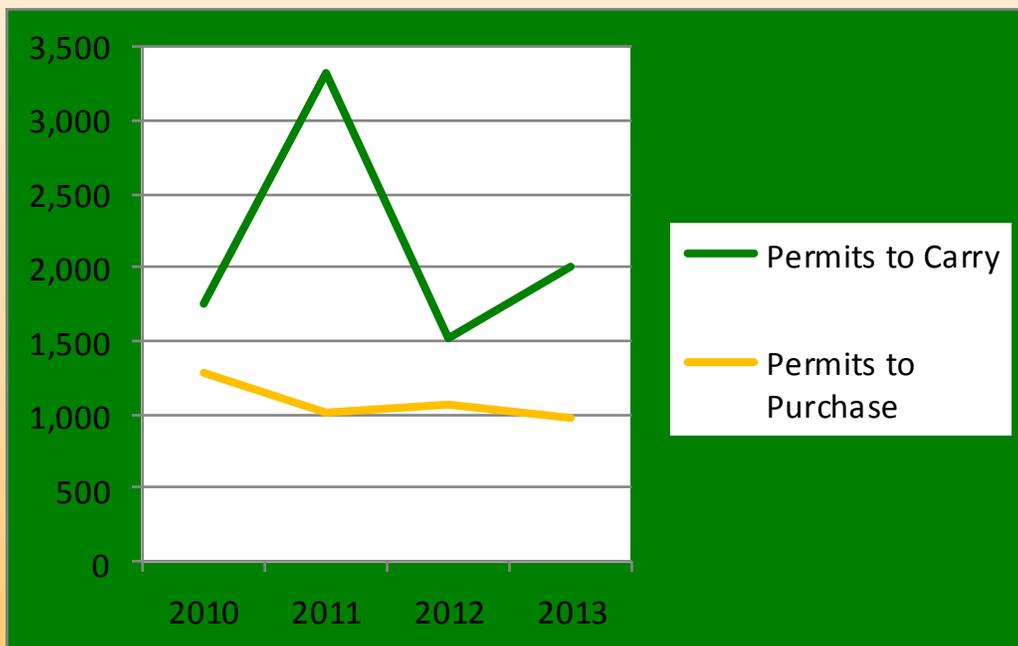
Simple Assault	82	Theft	95
OWI	272	Drugs	272
Driving Suspended	476	Driving Barred	66

Annual Statistics



<i>Calls For Service</i>			
	2011	2012	2013
Total CFS in Black Hawk County	133,726	133,078	132,431
Total CFS for the Sheriff's Office	14,047	15,328	13,769

Weapons Permits



Weapons permits continue to be in high demand, with nearly 2,000 permits to carry issued in 2013, and revenue for all permits issued exceeding \$110,000 for the year.



Administrative Division

Dave Sapp Named 2013 Deputy of the Year

Deputy Sapp began his law enforcement career with the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office in 1998, and was transferred to the Patrol Division in 2006. Since this change of assignment, Dave has become increasingly adept at detecting, investigating, and intervening in illegal narcotics distribution throughout Black Hawk County. In 2013, Deputy Sapp was responsible for and involved in over 130 of the 282 narcotics related cases filed by the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office.



His strong work ethic, leadership within his division, and tenacity in his drug interdiction and investigation efforts are what caused him to stand above his peers for this year's recognition.

"Deputy Sapp is a dedicated professional officer. His dedication to his duties and to his division is evident in the work he produces each and every shift." says Sheriff Thompson.

Budget Constraints Result in Internal Changes and Re-organization

As with most governmental agencies, and specifically within the county finance structure, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office has had to negotiate some lean times. And, we anticipate those lean times continuing for the next few budget cycles. In direct response to these concerns (both real and future estimates), the Sheriff, in partnership with the Teamster's Union negotiated a new three year contract which focused mainly on wages and a change to the hours of work.

The previous contract provided for a 6 and 3 schedule, where deputies worked 6 days on and three days off. The Sheriff's proposal provided for a traditional 5 days on and 2 days off work week, which would rotate every 2 months to allow equity in the dispersal of weekends off. This schedule saves the budgetary expense

of converted vacation times earned for each deputy from the 6-3 non-traditional scheduling. This savings allows for budgeting credibility with future fiscal budget negotiations with the county board of supervisors.

With this change, it allowed for a slight restructuring within the jail division. The "utility squad" was created to manage all inmate transports, court security, as well as overseeing the inmate work crew. A sergeant was moved from investigations, back to the jail to facilitate the supervision of that squad.



Field Services Division



From the Commander:

SWAT – During 2013 we saw a slight decline in team membership from the SWAT Team due to a retirement and another being unable to complete the physical agility test. We immediately started to recruit to fill those vacancies and have done that but as with people in a new assignment there is a period of training that will take time to get the new people up to speed with the remainder of the team. The SWAT/Hostage Negotiations Team did deploy several times during 2013 and all incidences were handled professionally and with the desired results. Additional recruiting is on-going and it is the intention of the coordinator to bring additional personnel on in 2014.

INVESTIGATIONS – The goals and objectives of 2013 were the same as in the years past and that was to provide professional law enforcement and investigative expertise to the citizens of Black Hawk County and to assist other law enforcement agencies when the need arose. During the year, the investigative division had two personnel changes due to promotions and was also downsized to help with staffing issues in the jail division. The unit continued to have a high clearance rate of cases primarily due to persons assigned to the division taking crime personally and wanting to do the best they can to serve those that were victims and also generally serve the citizens of Black Hawk County.

PATROL – The goals and objectives of 2013 were also consistent with years past in that it was the desire to have a profound impact on the motoring public and continue to help keep the accident and traffic fatality rate to a minimum. Unfortunately patrol deputies were called to respond to a total of six accidents that resulted in fatalities, one of which resulted in Vehicular Homicide charges being filed as the at-fault driver was intoxicated. That case is still in the court system. Drug cases initiated by patrol deputies increased in 2013 due to more aggressive enforcement and additional training of deputies. The sheriff's office obtained funding from the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy and the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau which allowed for additional emphasis to be placed on drug cases and operating while intoxicated/drugged drivers.

It was also a goal to have an impact on crime in Black Hawk County and from early indications it appears that the work of the investigative and patrol divisions contributed to the crime rate dropping in 2013.

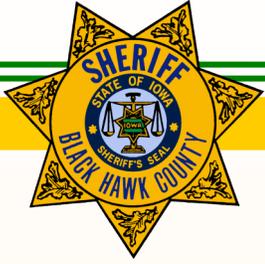
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Field Services Division

Patrol

	2011	2012	2013
Calls for Service	14,047	15,328	13,796
Arrests	4,337	4,735	4,107
Accidents (Fatal)	4	2	6
Accidents (Property Damage)	145	170	230
Accidents (Injuries)	51	68	62
Citations Issued	4,360	3,997	4,532
Warrant Services	824	854	813
OWI Arrests	323	342	313
Thefts	87	77	72
Drug/Narcotics	244	151	282

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Investigations

	2011	2012	2013
Burglary	52	77	54
Criminal Mischief	57	66	63
Sexual Offenses	12	15	10





Special Services Division

From the Commander:

2013 was a challenging year for Special Services. The transition was completed to conduct all training at the Raymond training facility. Numerous projects were completed which included the paving of the 50 and 100 yard ranges. Lighting was installed to accommodate night shooting as well as the completion of an outdoor class area on the range.

Agreements were entered into with the Iowa State Patrol, D.O.T. Enforcement, and Division of Criminal Investigation for the use of the Training Facility. The Hudson and Evansdale Police Departments have joined the Sheriff's monthly training sessions, with 2 additional agreements pending. These types of arrangements make all agencies involved more fiscally responsible as well as increasing the safety of those officers and deputies that work together on a regular basis.

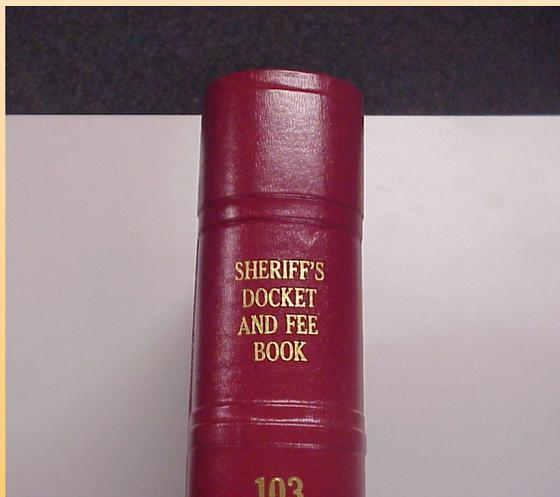
The Civil Division saw a slight decrease in overall processes received in the last year however increases were seen in the "Notice of Sale Levy's", "General O.N. Petitions", "Small Claims" and "Writ of Ejections". Overall revenues have again increased from 2012 as our organization continues to do whatever is necessary to meet our budgetary needs.

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Special Services Division



	2011	2012	2013
Executions	4,271	3,769	3,570
Real Estate Sales	240	268	278
Condemnations	9	0	0
Writ of Attachments	0	2	0
Garnishments	3,236	2,912	2,869
1.1020.1 Levy	10	6	0
1.1020.2 Levy	3	4	8
Cash Register Levy	22	17	5
Demand	19	23	21
Security Lien	3	2	5
Temp Protective Order	166	163	152
Writ of Ejection	384	419	444
Writ of Possession	37	20	50
Writ of Replevin	36	31	33
Papers Served	19,905	18,162	17,122
Papers Un-served	1,612	1,404	1,201
Total Processes	21,517	19,566	18,402





Jail Services Division

From the Commander:

At the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, the jail division is the largest of the divisions as far as the amount of staff members assigned. There are 69 deputy sheriffs, 12 booking clerks and 12 master control technicians that run the jail. In addition to those main staffers, there are about 20 employees of contracted companies that operate our medical and food service departments. The "new" Black Hawk County Jail is now almost twenty years old. It continues to function as a direct supervision jail, the first of it's kind in Iowa. The housing units of the jail have the capacity to hold 272 inmates, with additional temporary beds in our intake area. Our average daily inmate population for 2013 was 252. There were days when our population was well over capacity, necessitating transporting those inmates to other county jails to relieve the over-crowding. This past year though, we experimented with some "creative housing changes." We switched where we house our female inmates, allowing for us to keep all of them in-house as opposed to transporting them to other jail facilities. This change ended up being just temporary (about 6 months), but greatly reduced what would have been paid to other counties.

Another change to the jail division that happened in 2013, is the formation of a "Utility Squad." The utility squad was created to assist in the extra obligations and duties that exist when operating a jail. The utility squad consists of five deputy sheriffs supervised by a sergeant. Their main duties are providing court security and transporting inmates, but there are other functions. Some of those other functions would include supervising the inmate work crew on outside assignments such as lawn mowing and snow removal, fugitive extraditions, and supplementing jail positions when staffing is low. We have found that the utility squad has benefited the jail and it's regular staff, by taking care of those extra duties to allow for a smoother, less interrupted operation.

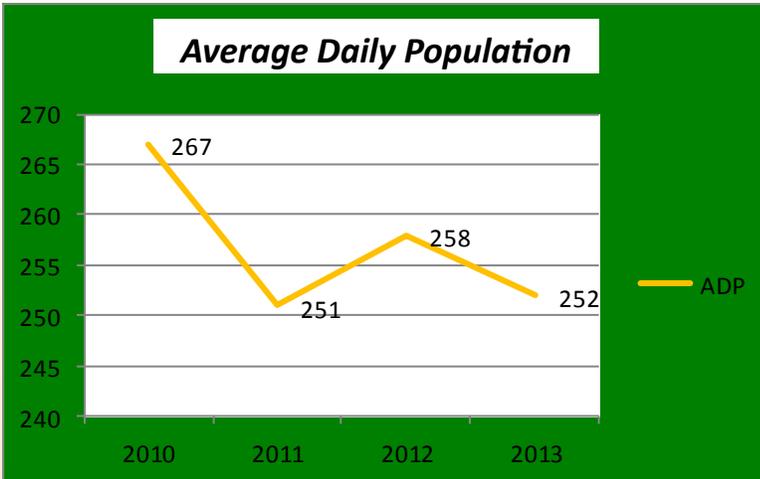
The jail division was very busy again this past year, with no shortage of people ordered to be incarcerated by the courts, but you can trust we are up to the challenge. Thankfully, and due to the diligent efforts of all jail staff, there were no major incidents in the jail, such as escape, fire, death, etc.

I thank the citizens of Black Hawk County for supporting our efforts and promise to do the very best I can as the jail administrator. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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	2011	2012	2013
Average Daily Population	251	258	252
Jail Bookings	9,153	9,244	9,040
Jail Transports	676	862	733

Jail Services Division



While the average daily population is staying essentially steady, the average length of stay for a pre-sentenced inmate continues to grow. This is primarily due to the types of crimes that our inmate population faces. We seldom hold misdemeanor offenses for very long, and more and more arrestees are being booked for more serious felony charges. These charges take longer to dispatch through the court system, resulting in longer custodial stays for our inmate population.

