

Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office



2014 Annual Report



"Excellence In Law Enforcement"

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To the Citizens of Black Hawk County:

It seems that every year I tell you what a challenging year we have faced. This year was no different. Locally, I am very proud of the efforts put forth by this agency to have positive impact on public safety and crime prevention, but it would seem that the national news has overshadowed our successful local efforts at maintaining, creating, and supporting cohesive communities. I assure each and every one of you that our deputies and our staff at the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office bring only the most professional attitudes and the most genuine best efforts to have a positive impact on the communities that we serve. Further, I feel it necessary to reiterate the convictions that all of our staff focus on with regard to our obligations to serve all people, regardless of their skin color, race, ethnicity, or even their level of affinity for our efforts on their behalf. We continue to remain vigilant to our tasks, and our obligations.

In the following pages, I know that you will find this diligence and conviction of effort demonstrated in this annual report and in the statistics and remarks identified in the document. As always, I encourage your insightful review of these numbers and reports. 2014 is a year that we are happy to be completing and I pray that we bring in 2015 with a renewed energy, commitment, conviction, and strength. It is a difficult time to be associated with the profession of law enforcement, but at no other time in our history has law enforcement been more necessary. The men and women of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office remain ever-faithful in our efforts to protect you, serve you, and demonstrate the very best of ideals and performance in our determinations for you.

As you review this annual report, should you find that you have questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone at the Sheriff's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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.

Annual Statistics

"A" Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
Arson	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	3	1	4
Assault Domestic	11	11	9
Assault Simple	16	19	14
Burglary	77	54	97
Criminal Mischief	66	63	71
Drug Violations	151	282	231
Kidnapping	1	2	0
Robbery	0	0	3
Murder	0	0	0
Sexual Offenses	15	10	7
Thefts	77	72	66
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	7	9	13
Entice/Exploitation Child	0	0	1

"B" Offenses

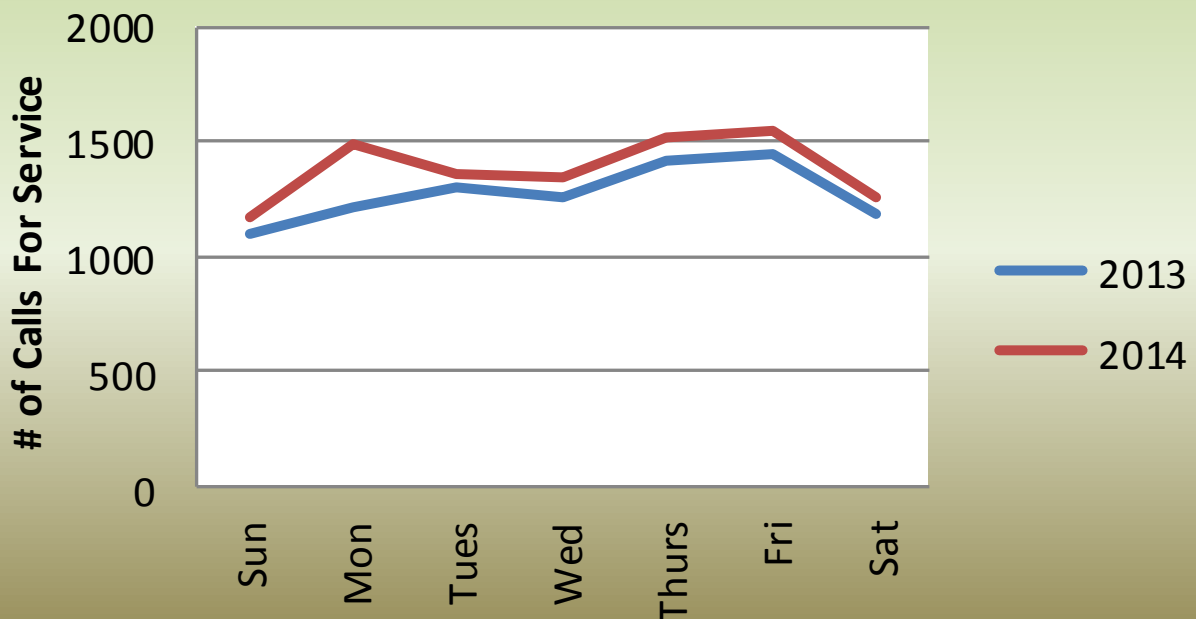
<i>Offense</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
Liquor Law Violations	3	17	1
OWI	342	313	180
Public Intoxication	47	32	30
Family Offenses	8	6	12
Runaway	14	6	6
Suspicion	11	8	12
Bad Checks	9	2	1
Trespass	11	12	14
All Other Offenses	31	25	16

Annual Statistics

Sheriff's Office Arrests			
	2012	2013	2014
Total Arrests	4,130	4,107	4,176

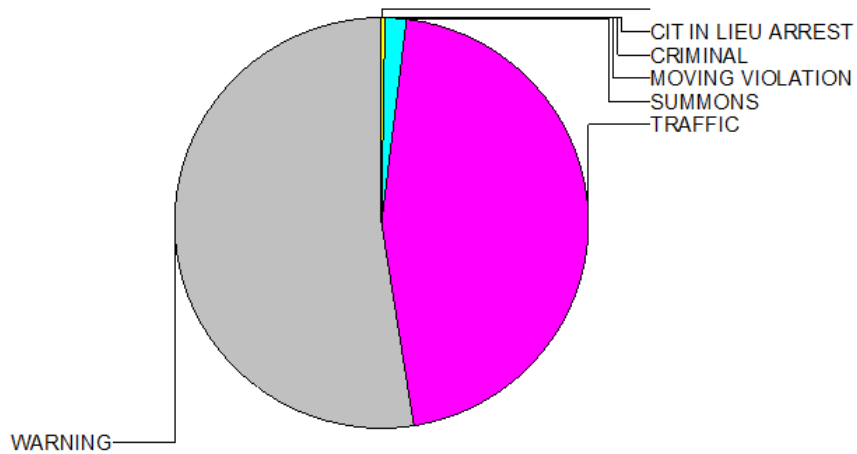
Calls For Service			
	2012	2013	2014
Total CFS in Black Hawk County	133,078	132,431	126,581
Total CFS for the Sheriff's Office	15,328	13,769	13,758

Calls for Service by Day

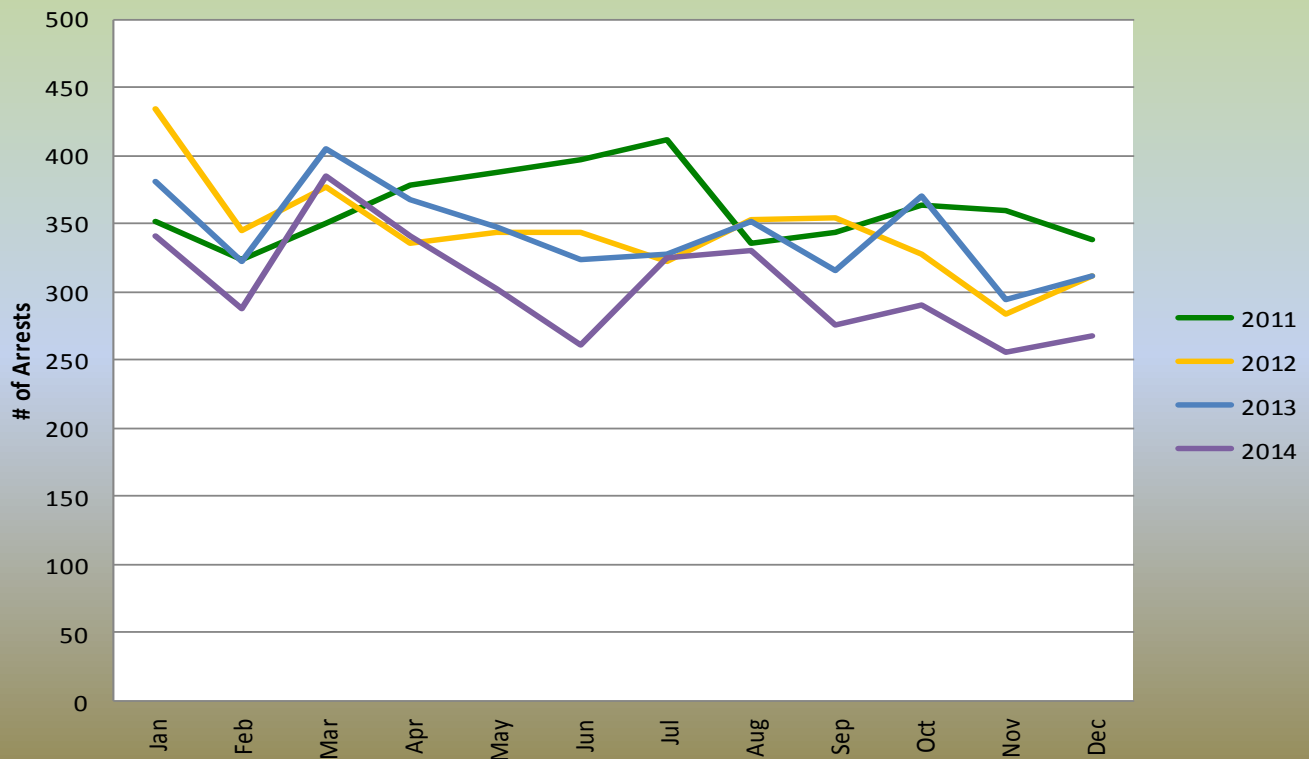


Annual Statistics

Traffic Citations and Warnings: 4,519 Total issued in 2014

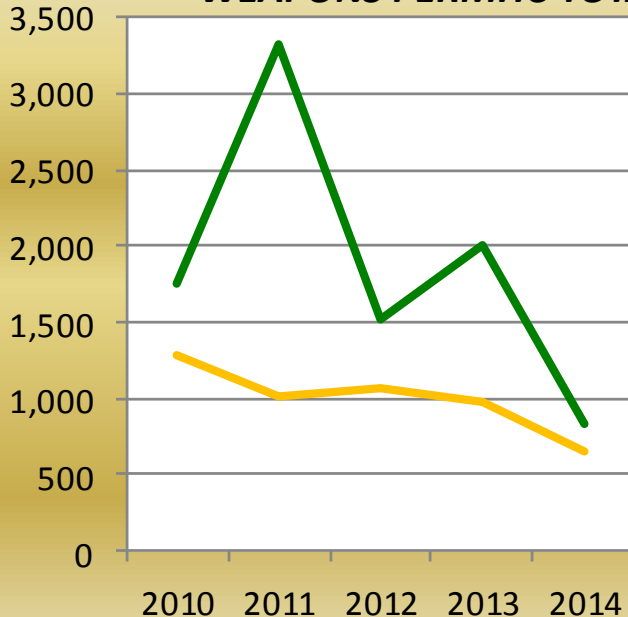


Arrests by Month



Administrative Division

WEAPONS PERMITS TOTALS



2014

Permits to Carry– 831

Permits to Purchase– 651

— Permits to Carry
— Permits to Purchase

Revenue Totals

for 2014:

\$48,630.00

With the law change in 2011, the Sheriff's Office saw dramatic increases which has now dwindled off. Renewals of those 5 year permits will begin in 2016, and the Sheriff will be introducing a new "on-line" application process in the beginning months of 2015.

Deputy Scott Boldt 2014 Deputy of the Year

As with each year, reviewing our exceptional staff to determine end of the year recognitions is a daunting and difficult task for the division commanders and sheriff. This year's exemplary performances were no different. In recent years, the Sheriff has also asked for peer input into these recognitions, which makes them that much more important and special for the officers and staff being recognized.

Deputy Scott Boldt has consistently been recognized both for his conscientious performance year after year, but also for the attitude and professionalism he brings to that consistency. Deputy Boldt is a true professional. His commitment and conviction to his duties is beyond reproach and his willingness to impart that perspective on younger and newer deputies makes him an invaluable part of the staff.

Having worked in the Jail, Civil, and Patrol Divisions, his wealth of knowledge and his ability to bring that experience to bear on any circumstance that arises also speaks volumes to the qualities that he brings to his duties. As a command staff and as an agency, we are very proud to recognize Deputy Scott Boldt as our 2014 Deputy of the Year!



New Shift Commanders Take Command

This year the Sheriff's Office had a number of retirements of long time deputies in command positions. As a result of those retirements, the Sheriff's Office promoted three tenured and seasoned deputies to the rank of Lieutenant. The Lieutenant holds the position of Shift Commander and is responsible for all activity that occurs during their assigned shift.

1st Shift



Lt. Lance Teisinger joined the Sheriff's Office in 1986, he has served in the Jail, Patrol, Civil, and Investigation Divisions. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2007 and then promoted to Lieutenant in January of this year. Lt Teisinger is in command of 1st Shift and can be reached at 319-291-2587 ext. 5147 or at lteisinger@bhcsso.org.

2nd Shift

Lt. Tom Mulnix joined the Sheriff's Office in 1990, he has worked in both the jail and patrol divisions. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2010 and then promoted to Lieutenant in March of this year. Lt. Mulnix is in command of 2nd Shift and can be reached at 319-291-2587 ext. 5147 or tmulnix@bhcsso.org.



3rd Shift



Lt. Nate Neff joined the Sheriff's Office in 1994. He has worked in both the jail and patrol divisions. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2011 and then promoted to Lieutenant in March of this year. Lt. Neff is in command of 3rd Shift and can be reached at 319-291-2587 ext. 5147 or nneff@bhcsso.org.

Field Services Division



SWAT - There were only a few times in 2014 that it was necessary to activate the agency's SWAT/ Negotiations Team. Fortunately each time the team was deployed the outcomes were favorable. The SWAT Team is continuing to grow and continues to train especially now that the department has it's own training facility and fire-arms range.

INVESTIGATIONS - The unit continues to have a high clearance rate for reported crimes. There appears to be an up-tick in residential burglaries and fortunately many of those people have been taken off the street and either put in jail or prison. The unit continued to provide professional law enforcement and investigative expertise to the citizens of Black Hawk County as well as other area law enforcement agencies.

PATROL - The number of traffic fatalities investigated this year by deputies was 1 which is down from the 6 of 2013. The one fatal crash resulted in Vehicular Homicide charges after testing revealed that the at-fault person was under the influence of drugs. Deputies continue to utilize funding from the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau and the Office of Drug Control Policy, also an Iowa agency. The funding from these two sources allows deputies to assert extra effort in alcohol and drug enforcement when dealing with drivers that use the road system in Black Hawk County.

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Patrol

	2012	2013	2014
Calls for Service	15,328	13,796	13,758
Arrests	4,735	4,107	4,176
Accidents (Fatal)	2	6	1
Accidents (Property Damage)	170	230	223
Accidents (Injuries)	68	62	73
Citations Issued	3,997	4,532	4,519
Warrant Services	824	854	813
OWI Arrests	342	313	180
Thefts	77	72	66
Drug/Narcotics	151	282	231



 - denotes increase from 2013 statistics

2014 was a solid year with regard to the general statistics we measure public safety successes by for the patrol division. With minor noted increases, we have had a strong year, while keeping citations, fatalities, and motor vehicle crashes in a more positive position.

Investigations

	2012	2013	2014
Burglary	77	54	97
Criminal Mischief	66	63	71
Sexual Offenses	15	10	7

One of the more frustrating increases is that of our burglary statistics. This is a crime that our office takes quite personally, as there are real victims, who experience loss, and violation of their homes, garages, out-buildings, and other dwellings. This is the type of an offense that, during 2014, a few small groups of individuals were able to cause dynamic, negative impact on our statistics by generating several cases and vio-



lating several residences by themselves. So, while our burglaries increased statistically, the number of burglars victimizing Black Hawk County citizens was actually a very small number. The value of representing these statistics is knowing that as personal as our staff takes these numbers, most of these burglars are presently residing either in prison or jail.

Jail Division

The Black Hawk County Jail has been located in our current location since 1995, when our office constructed the 272 bed jail. In addition to the 272 beds located in our housing unit, there is capacity for 39 arrestees in the intake area of the jail. These 39 beds are classified as temporary because the arrestee can only remain in this area prior to their initial court appearance, which is held in the jail courtroom every morning of the year.



This year the jail has experienced a significant influx of inmates incarcerated in jail by the court. This influx has resulted in our inmate population being in excess of our housing capacity; which has necessitated the need to house inmates in Bremer County for a majority of the year. This has resulted in a significant monetary impact on the jail budget and has placed a substantial demand on coordinating and staffing the transportation of inmates to and from Bremer County for court and release dates.

Our jail is staffed by 69 Sheriff's Deputies, 24 Booking Clerks, and 24 Master Control Technicians. These men and women staff our facility 24/7/365; and make sure those inmates who are ordered here by the court are kept safely and securely. Their role in preventing escape is vital to the safety of our community and their role is just as vital in preventing the inmates from harming themselves or each other. This year our staff prevented 11 inmates from being successful at a suicide attempt.

	2012	2013	2014
Average Daily Population	258	252	267
Jail Bookings	9,244	9,040	8,685
Jail Transports	862	733	963

During the year, the jail booked 8,685 arrestees into the jail and booked 8,638 inmates out of the jail. The average population with our jail was 267, in addition to upwards of 40 inmates housed out of county per day. This is primarily due to the severity of the charges the new arrestees face and a longer period of stay prior to trial.

Captain Mark Herbst

Jail Division Commander

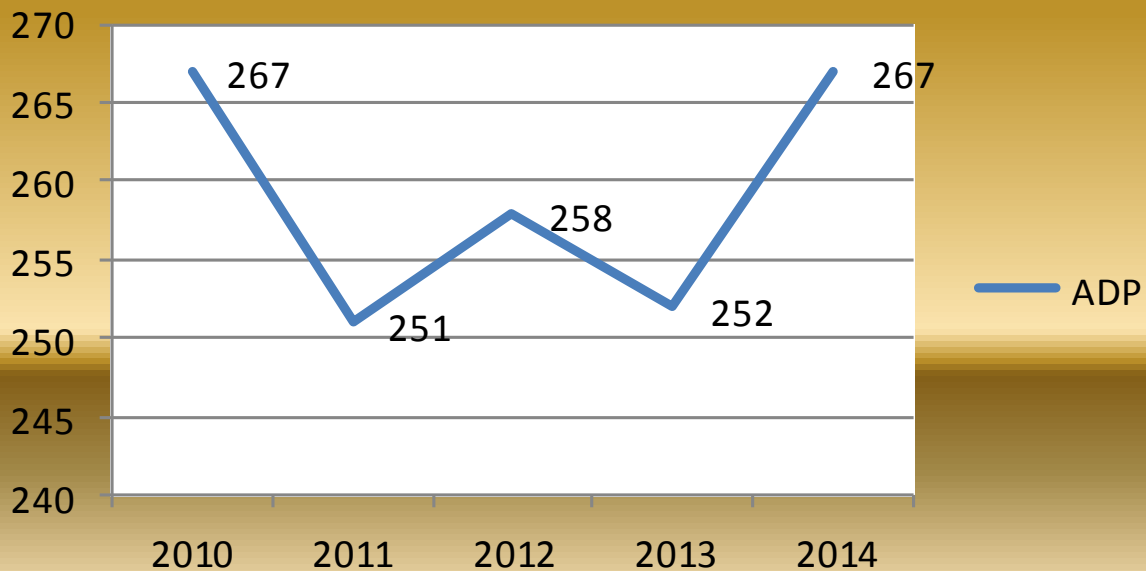
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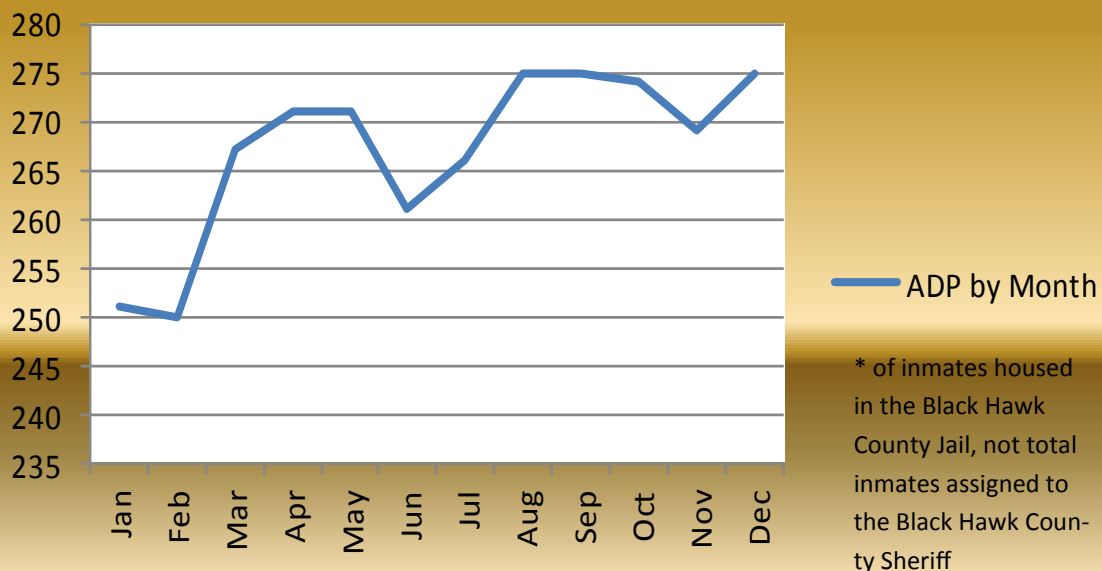


Average Daily Jail Population



After several years of lower inmate population counts, the jail experienced a dramatic up-tick in residents from August through the remainder of the year. With only 272 residential beds in the facility, anything above that number must be shipped out of county to another jail facility. A record was set in the month of September when the jail had to ship 45 inmates out of the county to be held in other facilities. While the jail is still essentially full and inmates are still being housed in other facilities on Black Hawk County charges currently, those numbers have greatly reduced as of late.

ADP by Month



Special Services Division

From the Commander:

The Special Services Division includes civil, training, and information technology. All three sections kept me very busy in the year 2014:

This office continues to have five deputies and a sergeant who do nothing but serve civil papers. These types of papers range from subpoenas, to divorce papers, to small claims court notices, to evictions, to garnishments and many other types. In the year 2014, this group of deputies served 16,126 of these papers, which is a decrease from the previous year.

All of our office's training now occurs at the Raymond Range Training Facility. That facility is not only a fire-arms range, but also has two classrooms on the property. The larger of the two classrooms has been used to facilitate regional type seminars, attracting law enforcement officers from all over Iowa as well as some surrounding states. In 2014, we hosted 14 seminars, 10 of which were law enforcement related. Over 800 students attended these seminars, from 48 different agencies, including some from Minnesota and Illinois. The other 4 seminars were related to other types of governmental agencies, benefitting about 95 students. We have several more regional seminars scheduled for us to host for the coming year. We look forward to getting our officers some very beneficial training, while at the same time cutting training expenses with these seminars being held locally.



Our IT Network Administrator has been very busy this past year. The introduction of the state mandated Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) was a major change to the way we were used to doing things as far as the documentation we provide to the courts. We went live with that new system just a few months ago. As with all computer technology, we have to stay on top of ever-changing advancements to keep up with what the citizens, attorneys and courts expect from us. One such change we have been working on the last few months, and coming soon, will be the ability for the citizens of Black Hawk County to apply for and pay for a permit to carry or acquire firearms from the comfort of their own home through a new web-based application. Other changes coming soon will be; equipping many of our officers with body cameras, and an upgrade to our jail video surveillance system.

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

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	2012	2013	2014
Executions	3,769	3,570	2,704
Real Estate Sales	268	278	195
Condemnations	0	0	19
Writ of Attachments	2	0	0
Garnishments	2,912	2,869	2,359
1.1020.1 Levy	6	0	2
1.1020.2 Levy	4	8	0
Cash Register Levy	17	5	11
Demand	23	21	12
Security Lien	2	5	2
Temp Protective Order	163	152	171
Writ of Ejection	419	444	410
Writ of Possession	20	50	36
Writ of Replevin	31	33	17
Papers Served	18,162	17,122	16,126
Papers Un-served	1,404	1,201	1,392
Total Processes	19,566	18,402	17,518

