



2015 Black

Hawk County
Sheriff's Office



Annual Report

"Excellence in Law Enforcement"

Loyalty Honor

Selfless Service

Conviction Pride

Professionalism



Respect Integrity

Commitment

Honesty Duty

Dedication



IN MEMORIAM

“Gone, But Not Forgotten”

2015 marked a very difficult year for the Black Hawk County law enforcement family with the passing of Deputy Tim Petersen and former deputy and current Waterloo Police Officer Adam Liddle. We pay respect to these two fallen heroes and their legacy of service left behind.

Deputy Petersen served the citizens of Black Hawk County for nearly 9 years. He was a patrol deputy assigned to the 3rd shift. He was also a member of the Water Safety Patrol and the Motorcycle Unit.

He died Tuesday, August 4th from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident while riding his personal motorcycle in Waterloo.

He dearly loved the profession of law enforcement and had great impact with everyone he came in contact with... offender and officer alike. Leaving behind his two greatest loves, his wife Katy, and his son Jax, his humor and his commitment to service will be greatly missed.

Rest in peace and God's Speed Deputy 7-98...

REST IN PEACE

Adam Liddle was a Black Hawk County Sheriff's Deputy for nearly two years before leaving to become a police officer in the city of Waterloo. He was hired early in 2010 and graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in July of that same year. He died from a sudden trauma following a work out at a local gym. He was a jovial, intense, and committed officer. He will be missed by all who knew him.

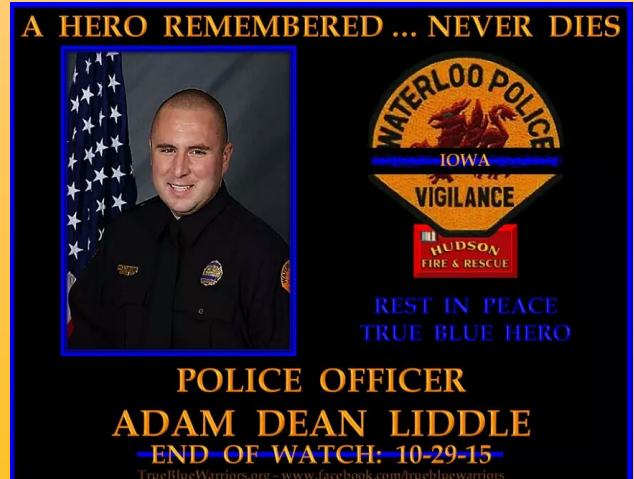




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Sheriff's Welcome



Dear Citizens of Black Hawk County:

As we put another year in the books, I am challenged in my reflections of what 2015 will be remembered by. Will it be the civil unrest that several of our larger American cities experienced? Will it be the concept of terrorism at home and abroad? Or, will it be more locally focused?

In Black Hawk County, your sheriff's office continues to work hard to protect you and your property. Our annual statistics will demonstrate our continued efforts on that front. We are well aware of those national issues... we work and we train even more arduously to ensure our professionalism and dedication to service is beyond reproach. It is our commitment to ensure that our citizens are justly proud of their sheriff's office and of the service we provide.

This year was not without its difficulties. We buried two fine young men, taken too soon from this earth. Deputy Tim Petersen was a member of our agency long before he was ever sworn in as an officer. The son of our investigative division sergeant, his service, his joking personality, and his 9 year conviction to the importance of the duties he fulfilled in our agency will be greatly missed. Officer Adam Liddle began his law enforcement career with the sheriff's office and after two years, transferred to the Waterloo Police Department. Both these officers will be greatly missed.

As we regret the losses we experienced this past year, we continue to look forward to those challenges that lie ahead of us. Committed to ensuring that we are properly trained, prepared, and equipped for any situation that we are required to face, your sheriff's office staff stands ready to enter the fight... whatever, wherever, and however that challenge presents itself.

I hope you enjoy this annual report and the details it enumerates. As always, should you find you have questions, comments or concerns regarding any information you find in this document, please do not hesitate to let me know. It is a sincere pleasure working to ensure the safety and security of our citizens and I am honored to work with and to work for the deputies and staff of this outstanding agency. Each and every day they live up to our motto of "*excellence in law enforcement*", and I am proud to be associated with them all.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Tony Thompson, Sheriff of Black Hawk County



Mission Statement



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 support 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 support 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. At the very foundation of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office is the expectation of the highest level of integrity in its employees.

PROFESSIONALISM

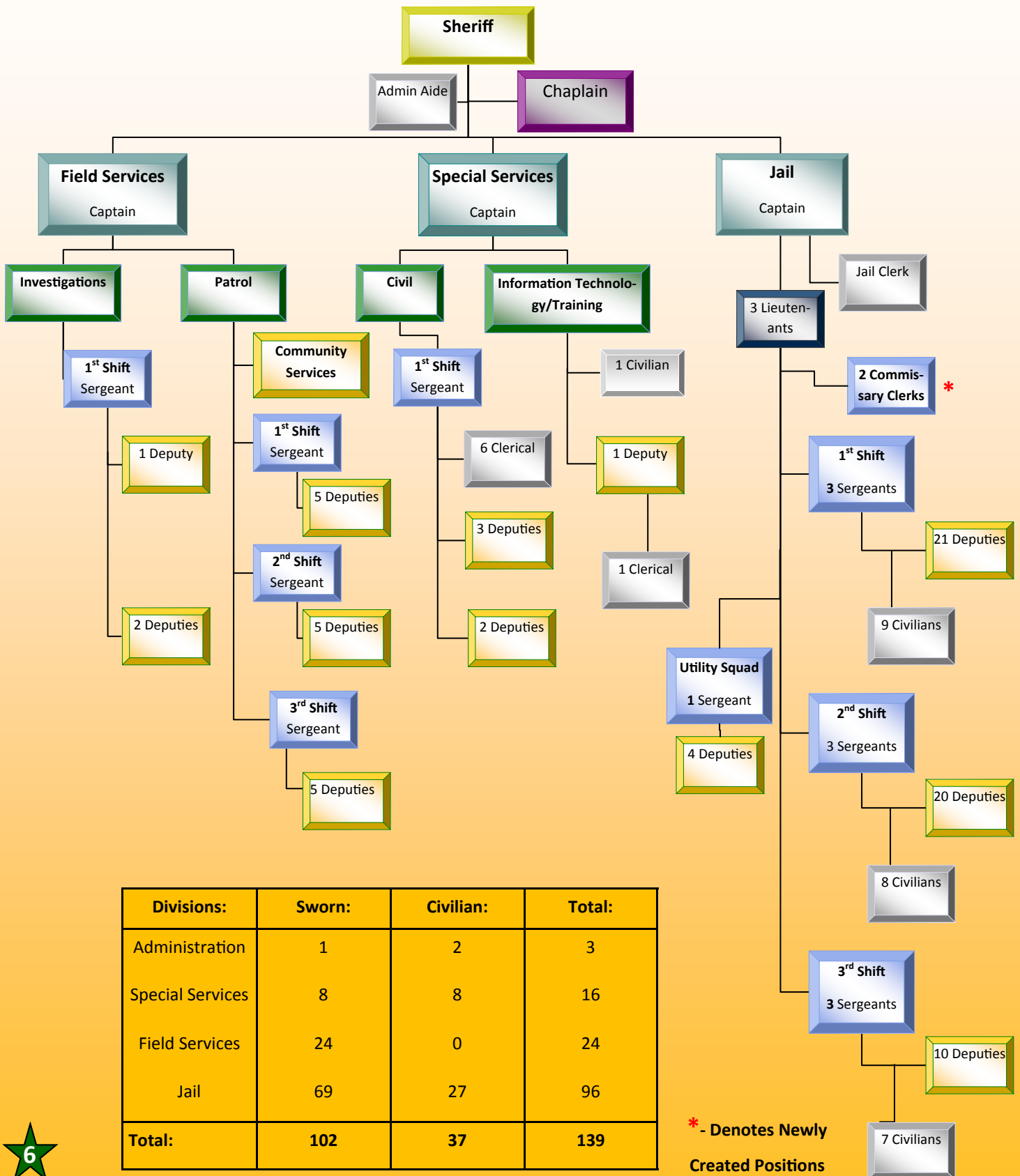
Recognizing the changing and diverse needs of the communities we serve, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office promotes and encourages a policy of professional individual excellence, which is passionately delivered and enhanced by continuing education, training, and administration support. This commitment is evidenced by the expected outward demonstration of that professionalism to our citizens.

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



Divisions:	Sworn:	Civilian:	Total:
Administration	1	2	3
Special Services	8	8	16
Field Services	24	0	24
Jail	69	27	96
Total:	102	37	139

* - Denotes Newly Created Positions

Significant Statistics



"A" Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
Arson	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault	1	4	3
Assault Domestic	11	9	11
Assault Simple	19	14	17
Burglary	54	97	63
Criminal Mischief	63	71	41
Drug Violations	282	231	270
Kidnapping	2	0	0
Robbery	0	3	1
Murder	0	0	1
Sexual Offenses	10	7	6
Thefts	72	66	81
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	9	13	6
Entice/Exploitation Child	0	1	0

■ - Denotes Increase in 2015

"B" Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
Liquor Law Violations	17	1	15
OWI	313	180	105
Public Intoxication	32	30	31
Family Offenses	6	12	12
Runaway	6	6	7
Suspicion	8	12	3
Bad Checks	2	1	2
Trespass	12	14	6
All Other Offenses	25	16	10

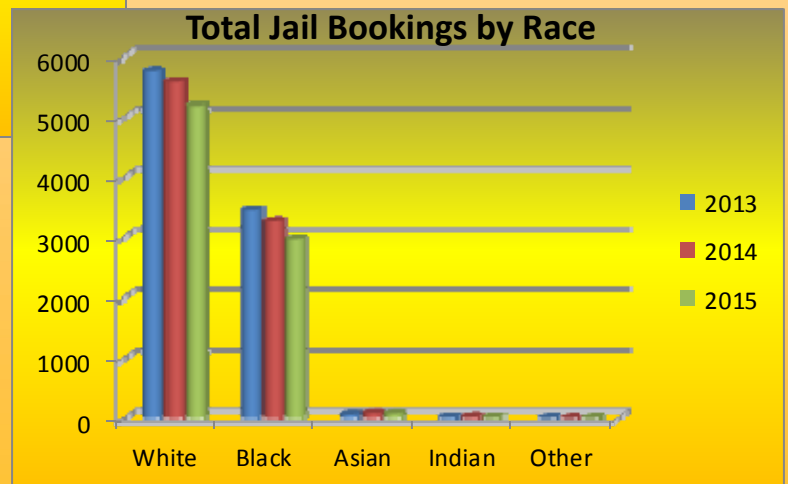
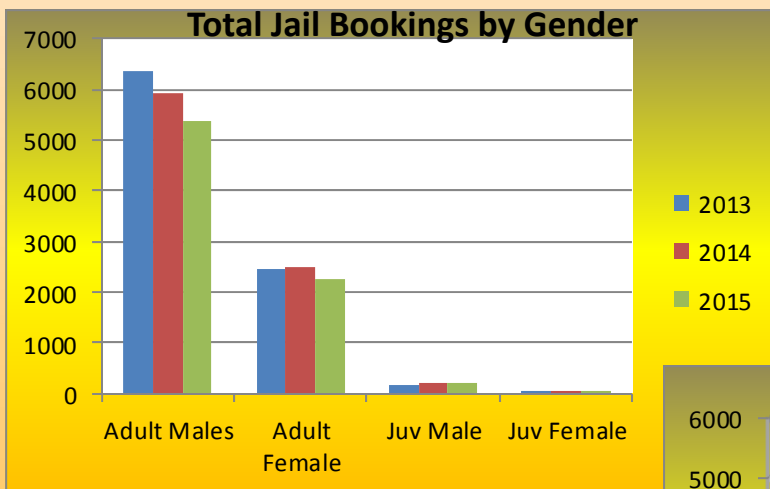
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Significant Statistics

Sheriff's Office Arrests			
	2013	2014	2015
Total Arrests	4,107	4,176	4,096

Calls For Service			
	2013	2014	2015
Total CFS in Black Hawk County	132,431	126,581	111,808
Total CFS for the Sheriff's Office	13,769	13,758	12,086

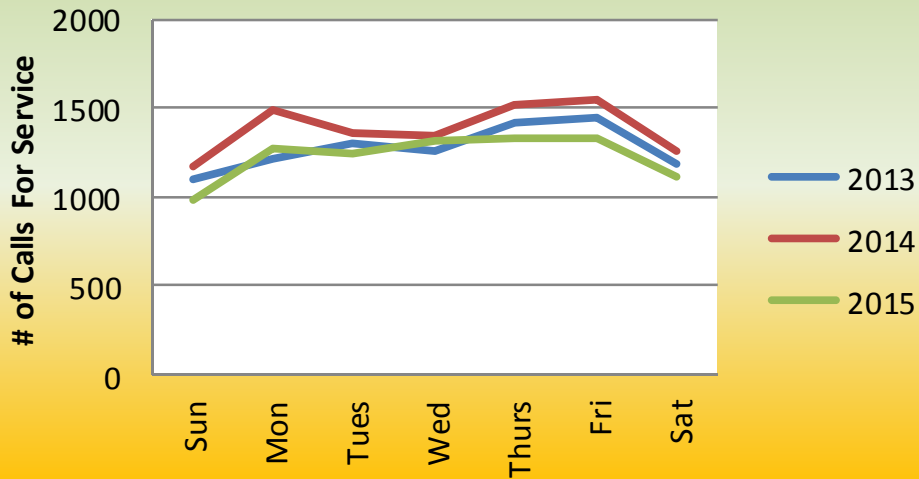


Total Jail Bookings		
2013	2014	2015
9,040	8,685	7,914

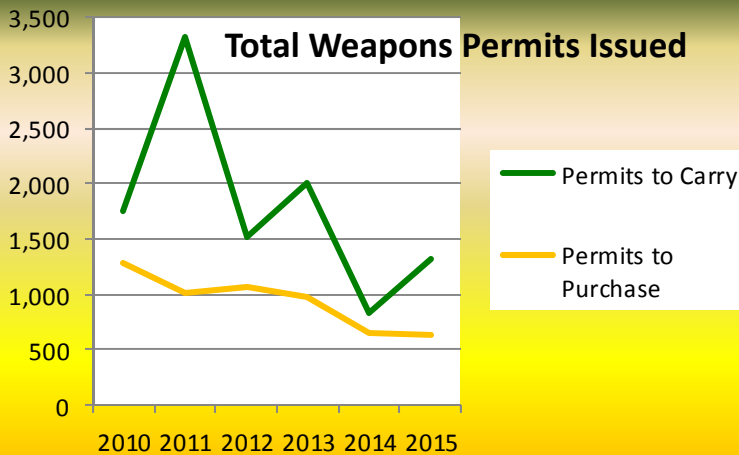
Significant Statistics



Calls for Service by Day



Total Weapons Permits Issued



Weapons Permits Continue to be Popular

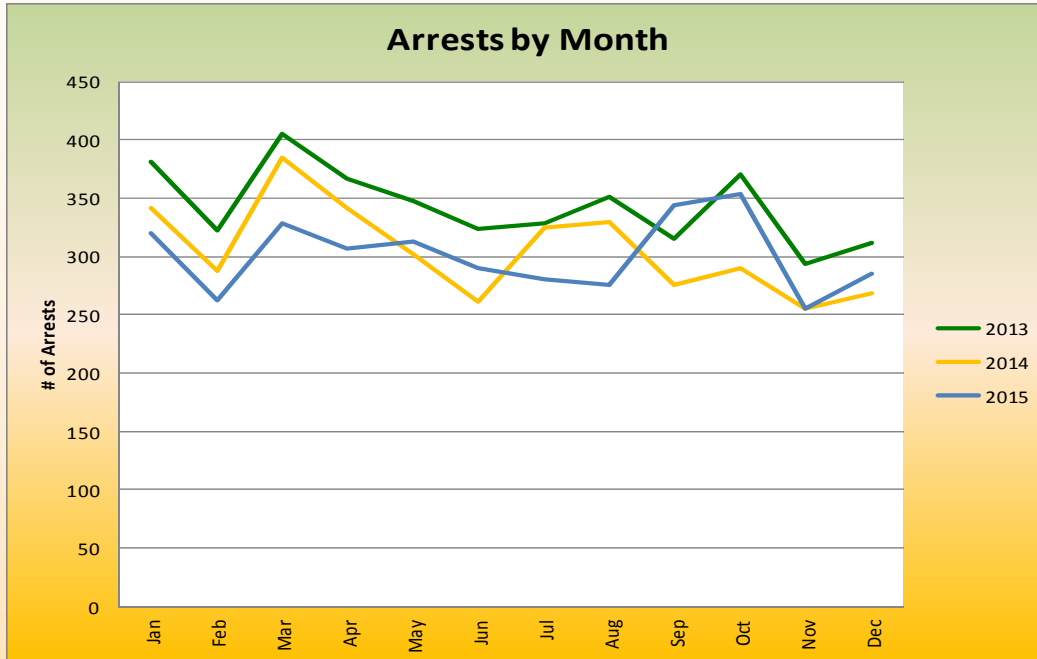
Though the number of requests is down in 2015, the introduction of the on-line permit application process has encouraged several new applicants to pursue a permit. In 2016, all current permit holders will start the renewal process, so the on-line application will help them make the process quicker and less difficult.

Yearly Weapons Permit Revenues



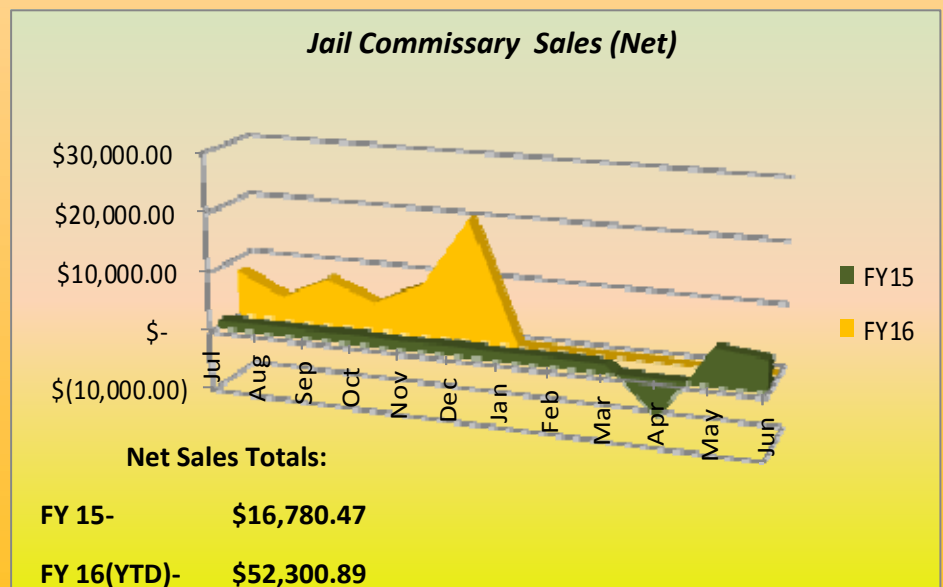


Significant Statistics



Inmate Commissary Taken Back and Benefits County Taxpayers

In April of 2015, the Sheriff's Office took over commissary sales in the jail. This was a contracted service since the jail was opened in 1995. We hired two part-time commissary clerks to facilitate ordering and filling inmate purchases. During FY 15 (under the old contracted service), the commissary commissions averaged a little over **\$1,300** per month. Under our new program, the commissary averages just over **\$4,300** per month, and each month that average continues to climb. That is money that can only be used for things that directly benefit the inmate population and it is used to defer tax-based expenditures on common items in the jail. Inmate uniforms, laundry soap, floor wax, transport vehicles, and commissary clerk staff salaries are examples of these expenditures. With every item purchased from the inmate commissary, tax payers are saving expenditures within the jail.



Administrative Division



2015 a Year of Construction

During the year 2015, significant investment has been made in the sheriff's office and in the Raymond Range Training Facility near Raymond, Iowa. In both these facilities, you can see the pride and commitment to outstanding service. The jail/administrative building is 21 years old and starting to demonstrate the wear and tear you would expect for a facility used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for that amount of time. Recent investment in a new "whole building" generator was completed during this calendar year. Sealing the bricks on the exterior of the building, and working on sidewalk and parking lot repairs were also on the list of projects addressed during this year.



At the range training facility, deputies and volunteers completed a live-fire shoot house construction that allows for moveable walls, close-quarter engagement training, and multiple scenario driven practice in a safe environment. This facility venue, when added to the 25 yard open-faced berm, 50 yard electronic targeting range, and the 100 yard electronic targeting and traversing target range, makes our law enforcement training facility exceptional amongst any other purpose built facility comparable in the state. When paired with the nearly 32 acres of wooded training area, the 200 seat and 40 seat classrooms, this facility rivals many other national training venues in the Midwest. It is with great pride that we share this facility with our area law enforcement partners and host numerous outstanding training events and nationally recognized training companies to facilitate training at our facility.

We anticipate work continuing on the range training facility into the near future to further improve that facility, as well as technological improvements to the jail building in the coming years to keep that facility serviceable for many more years to come.

Deputy Matt Reams the 2015 Deputy of the Year

During the Black Hawk County Law Enforcement Association's annual Christmas Party on Friday night, Sheriff Tony Thompson announced the 2015 Deputy of the Year was Deputy Matt Reams. Deputy Reams is currently assigned as an agency armorer, firearms instructor, and he was named the Team Chief of the newly formed Water Safety Patrol this year. The Water Safety Patrol is a joint venture between the Black Hawk



County Sheriff's Office and the Black Hawk County Conservation Board. Deputies and county park rangers partner on the rivers and waterways in Black Hawk County to promote safety, safe boating practices, and law enforcement on the waterways. Deputy Reams has been instrumental in team implementation and coordination with the Iowa DNR, Cedar Falls Fire Rescue, Waterloo Fire Rescue, and other agencies in establishing operational standards and training for the team. "His tenure, natural leadership abilities, coordination skills, and his quiet, calm demeanor certainly make him worthy of this honor", says Sheriff Thompson. Reams has been a deputy with the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office since 1994.



Administrative Division

New Food Service Management for the Jail Equates to Savings for the County



During 2015, the Sheriff's Office elected to go out for bid for the jail food service contract. The prior company, Aviaand's, LLC had been with the jail (in various forms) since the building was first occupied, and the contract had grown to nearly \$1 million per year. A new contract was granted to CBM Managed Services out of

Sioux Falls, South Dakota which saved Black Hawk County tax payers approximately \$400,000 in the first year.

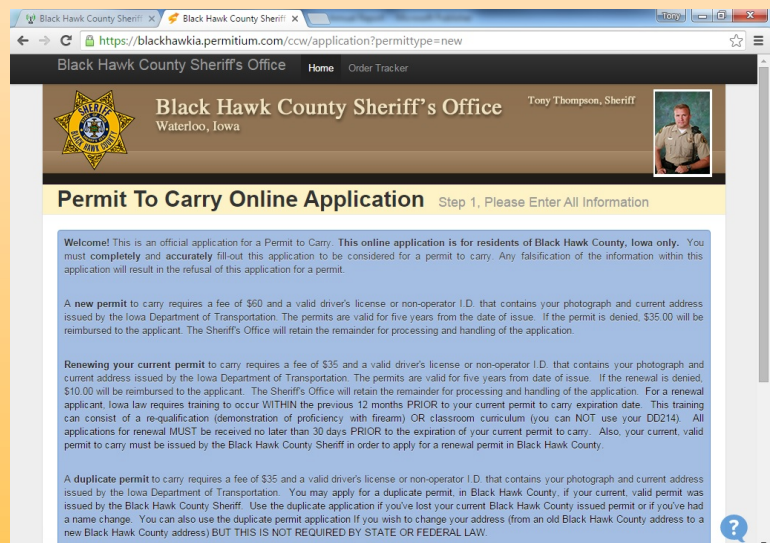
With a year into the contract, we have discovered an outstanding business partner and have enjoyed the change in service providers and look forward to the coming years with the CBM company.

Weapons Permit Applications Go On-Line

Through a partnership with a company called Permitium, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office starting offering on-line weapons permit applications and payments. This was done ahead of the 5 year renewal for permits that demonstrated nearly 3,400 citizens applying for a new permit in 2011.

The intent was to save citizens time by being able to apply from the comfort of their own home via the internet, and save them a trip by only having to come to the office to pick up the permit and get their photo taken.

By going to our website: www.bhcsso.org and following the application link, a citizen can make application, upload training or supporting documentation, make their payment, and will then be notified by text, email, or a phone call once the processing is complete to come pick up the permit.



In 2011, there were times where people were lined out the lobby waiting to be helped for a permit application. It is hoped that this process will save the wait and make the process more convenient. If you do not have a computer or internet access, or simply would like some additional help, there are two computer kiosks in our front lobby for the purpose of making applications at the office. Our staff is quick to assist and accommodate your questions regarding this law change and the process of renewals.

Special Services Division



From the Commander:



The Special Services Division of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office consists of the sub-divisions of civil, clerical, training, custodian of records and information technology. 2015 proved to be a busy year for my staff.

The Civil Division consists of a sergeant and five deputies whose primary duty is to serve all civil papers and other orders issued by the court. These papers are all different types, ranging from subpoenas, to small claims court notices, to divorce papers, to evictions, to repossessions, to garnishments, to protective orders and many other types. During the past year, deputies served 13,261 of these papers. This total is lower than the previous year.

There are a total of nine clerical employees who support all divisions, including the special services division. Clerical staff handle the duties involved with the issuance of permits to purchase and carry handguns, a very popular item requested from the citizens these days.

The Training Division consists of a training coordinator and about 35 certified training instructors of various ranks within the sheriff's office. These instructors keep us all up to date in critical areas such as firearms, defensive tactics, suicide prevention, defensive driving, etc. Nearly all such training occurs now at our Raymond Range Training Facility. We are very proud of our new training facility, which opened about four years ago, and is always being added to. The newest addition to the facility is the construction of a live-fire shoot house. This shoot house allows for trainers to set up various types of scenarios for realistic live-fire training to better prepare our deputies for real-life situations. Plans for future additions include a rifle range and indoor handgun range. The year 2015 saw an increase in the amount of training seminars held at the training facility, as well as the number of law enforcement officers benefiting from those seminars. There are two staff members who handle duties in regards to the custodian of records section. Open records laws require that we release public records deemed not confidential, to all persons requesting those records. The requests for records have steadily increased the past few years.

Nearly two years ago, we hired on a full-time Network Administrator to handle our information technology needs. Our network is now much more reliable than in years past. New IT projects the past year include an upgrade to the jail surveillance system, body worn cameras for patrol deputies and investigators, and a web-based system for citizens to apply for weapon permits from the comfort of their homes.

I am looking forward to a successful new year. 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. Please call or email me with any questions or concerns you may have.

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Special Services Division

	2013	2014	2015
Executions	3,570	2,704	2,084
Real Estate Sales	278	195	200
Condemnations	0	19	11
Writ of Attachments	0	0	1
Garnishments	2,869	2,359	2,065
1.1020.1 Levy	0	2	0
1.1020.2 Levy	8	0	2
Cash Register Levy	5	11	0
Demand	21	12	15
Security Lien	5	2	3
Temp Protective Order	152	171	152
Writ of Ejection	444	410	456
Writ of Possession	50	36	28
Writ of Replevin	33	17	50
Papers Served	17,122	16,126	13,261
Papers Un-served	1,201	1,392	1,154
Total Processes	18,402	17,518	14,415



Jail Division



From The Commander:



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, we have changed providers of our food service contractor, acquired the inmate commissary program and are having our own employees provide this service, and we are currently upgrading the generator that provides back-up power to the jail in the event of a power failure.

Our next project includes replacement of our jail security system that controls all cameras and locked doors within the facility.

Our jail is staffed by 69 Sheriff's Deputies, 24 Booking Clerks, 24 Master Control Technicians, and 2 Commissary Clerks. 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 9 inmates from being successful at suicide attempts.

During the year, the jail booked 7,914 arrestees into the jail and booked 7,945 inmates out of the jail. The 2015 average daily population in our jail was 262.



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	2013	2014	2015
Average Daily Population	252	267	262
Jail Bookings	9,040	8,685	7,914
Jail Transports	862	733	969



Jail Division

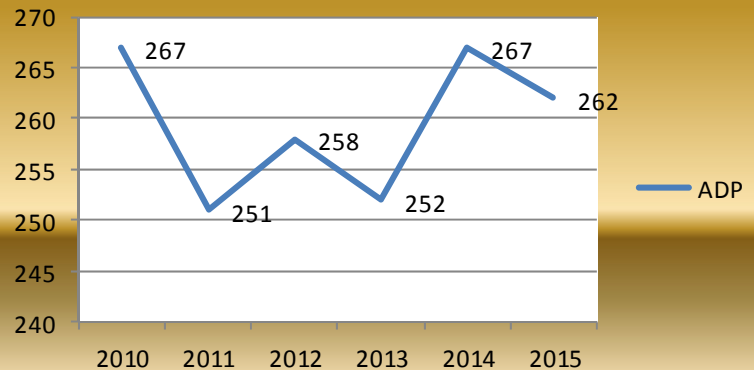


Forcible Felonies Help Fill Jail Population

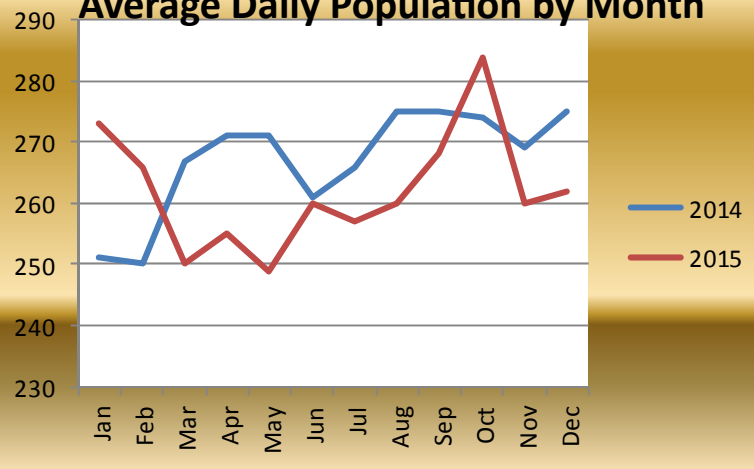
Between an increase in violent crimes being committed and offenders being caught, and the continuing impact of probation and parole violators filling jail beds, our jail continues to contend with a population that is near or at capacity nearly every single day. These statistics, when paired with the disproportionately high numbers of mentally ill inmates, challenge our jailing and medical staff daily.

With more felons in custody, we are also finding fewer acceptable inmates for the inmate work crew. This is the crew that works inside the jail laundry and on jail floors and grounds, as well as on our public streets and roadways, parks and other public property on beautification and maintenance projects to help spare public expense for trash pick up and graffiti eradication (just to name a couple of efforts).

Average Daily Jail Population



Average Daily Population by Month



Field Services Division



From The Commander:



The Field Services Division is divided into three specialties and distinct disciplines: Patrol, Investigations, and SWAT.

INVESTIGATIONS:

The dedicated investigators assigned to the division continued this year with a high clearance rate of crimes reported. The number of thefts, motor vehicle thefts, and sex offenses were down for 2015 compared to previous years. The number of reported burglaries were also down significantly. Investigators not only worked cases for the Sheriff's Office, but also assisted other jurisdictions, municipalities, state and even federal investigators when the need arose during 2015.

SWAT:

The agency's SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team was activated several times in 2015. The team continues to train on a monthly basis with that training being enhanced with the addition of a "shoot house" at the Sheriff's Training Facility in Raymond. With the recent terror events happening both within the United States and abroad, it is imperative that the team continue to train and be prepared for any incident that may arise.

PATROL:

Deputies in patrol continue to make the roadways safe for the travelling public with traffic enforcement and exposure patrolling. Additional patrol deputies were on the road enforcing OWI and drug laws with the assistance of funds from the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau and the Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy. Deputies investigated 4 traffic accidents this year that resulted in the death of 5 people, with only one of them being impaired. OWI and open container in motor vehicle charges were also down this year. Hopefully people are learning the high cost of operating while intoxicated and after consuming alcoholic beverages are not operating motor vehicles in our county. Drug arrests were also up this year. A lot of people have not yet learned the high cost of drug usage (not only to themselves, but also to society). The patrol deputies will continue to vigilantly work on our roadways until that lesson is also learned.



Captain Rick Abben, Chief Deputy

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Field Services Division

Investigations



	2013	2014	2015
Burglary	54	97	63
Criminal Mischief	63	71	41
Sexual Offenses	10	7	6



Loki and Jarvis add K-9 Support

In 2015, Jarvis joined Loki on our K-9 team. They and their handlers respond to narcotics searches, article searches, and tracking. Loki also assists in clearing buildings and suspect apprehension. Both are formally trained and certified in both the USPCA and IPWDA certification disciplines. They add an additional dimension and resource for every law enforcement agency in Black Hawk County and routinely support other agency's requests.

	2013	2014	2015
Calls for Service	13,796	13,758	12,086
Arrests	4,107	4,176	4,096
Accidents (Fatal)	6	1	4
Accidents (Property Damage)	230	223	214
Accidents (Injuries)	62	73	36
Citations Issued	4532	4519	3,357
Warrant Services	854	813	796
OWI Arrests	313	180	105
Thefts	72	66	81
Drug/Narcotics	282	231	270