

Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office

2016

Annual Report



"Excellence In Law Enforcement"



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Sheriff's



Welcome

To the Citizens of Black Hawk County:

In the following pages you will find the statistical equivalence to our 163rd year of existence as an agency. Since 1853, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office has dedicated itself to the service of our communities and our citizens. Since that same time, our law enforcement conviction has not changed. Our motto is "*Excellence in Law Enforcement*" and our staff strives to always meet and exceed that measured standard.

What you will find in this year's report is data outlining our activities, articles enumerating our actions, and photos of the events and incidents that helped shape our year. What you won't find is the bigger story... a bigger issue that is facing law enforcement officers all across our country today. What you won't find is our plea for understanding, our hope for respect, or our prayers for our personal safety. You see, we recognize that the job we do, whether that job is custodial corrections, civil process, investigations, patrol activities, or any of the other myriad of services we are asked to provide... We openly and honestly recognize the dangers associated with those tasks. Further, we embrace the likelihood of injury and possibly of even death as a result of our convictions to help secure our communities and safeguard our citizens.

Our officers and employees alike, embrace the role of "guardian" for Black Hawk County. We relish our obligation of selfless service and openly recognize the standards of performance and conduct that are expected of us. In this past year, we have seen riots in the streets of our nation, we have seen civil unrest surrounding policing activities around the country, and have witnessed the needless, senseless deaths of Iowa officers for no other reason than they stood up and accepted the challenges of public service as law enforcement officers in our great state.

It is a painful and challenging time to be associated with law enforcement. For this reason, this year's annual report is proudly dedicated, not to the citizens we serve, but to our families who serve right beside us every shift and every day. These heroes are the ones we honor. These heroes are the ones often unnoticed, dealing with the scrutiny, the frustration and often even the disdain for our chosen profession. For their patience and fidelity... to stand shoulder to shoulder with us during these trying and challenging

times, we proudly dedicate our outstanding year 2016 to them. Because without them, we know we would not be able to do the tasks asked of us.

Please enjoy the contents of this 2016 Annual Report!



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

Tony Thompson, Sheriff of Black Hawk County

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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 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

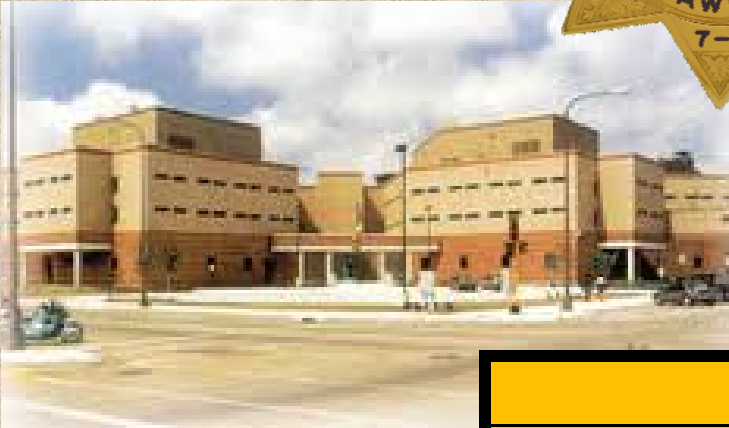
Recognizing the changing and diverse needs of the communities we serve, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office promotes and encourages a policy of professional individual excellence, which is passionately delivered and enhanced by continuing education, training, and administration support. This commitment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

Significant

Statistics



Calls For Service Trend Downward

The Sheriff's Office's call volume has continued a slow, downward trend, with the high water mark of 15,328 calls for service in the year

2012. This lowered demand for services can be attributed to several factors; we tend to assume, based on the totality of data that it is a direct result of proactive law enforcement efforts, tenacious pursuit of solving crimes when they occur, and ensuring justice by effectively presenting our work in court. It is our belief and our assertion that through effective law enforcement we can positively impact our county and the communities that we serve. It is with pride that we recognize these continued reductions in calls for service and index crimes being committed in our county. It is also with the greatest anticipation that we hope for this continuing trend in Black Hawk County.

Calls For Service

	2014	2015	2016
Total CFS in Black Hawk County	126,581	111,808	107,628
Total CFS for the Sheriff's Office	13,758	12,086	8,189

Sheriff's Office Arrests

	2014	2015	2016
Total Arrests	4,176	4,096	3,664

Sheriff's Office Traffic Stops

	2014	2015	2016
Total Stops	2,709	2,301	2,188
Citations Issued	4,519	3,357	3,083





"A" Offenses

Offense	2014	2015	2016
Arson	0	1	0
Aggravated Assault	4	3	3
Assault Domestic	9	11	19
Assault Simple	14	17	16
Burglary	97	63	72
Criminal Mischief	71	41	33
Drug Violations	231	270	252
Kidnapping	0	0	1
Robbery	3	1	0
Murder	0	1	0
Sexual Offenses	7	6	10
Thefts	66	81	67
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	13	6	15
Entice/Exploitation Child	1	0	0

"B" Offenses

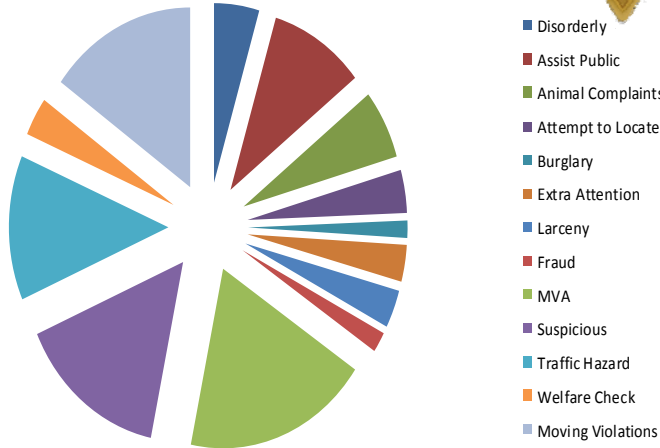
Offense	2014	2015	2016
Liquor Law Violations	1	15	6
OWI	180	105	112
Public Intoxication	30	31	16
Family Offenses	12	12	16
Runaway	6	7	4
Suspicion	12	3	3
Bad Checks	1	2	2
Trespass	14	6	7
All Other Offenses	16	10	16

Significant

Statistics

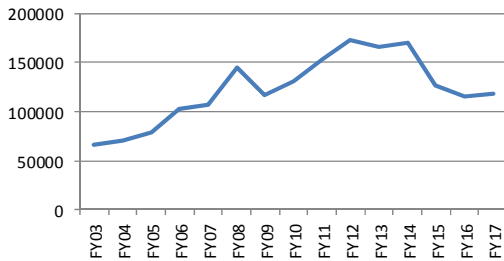


Most Common Calls For Service

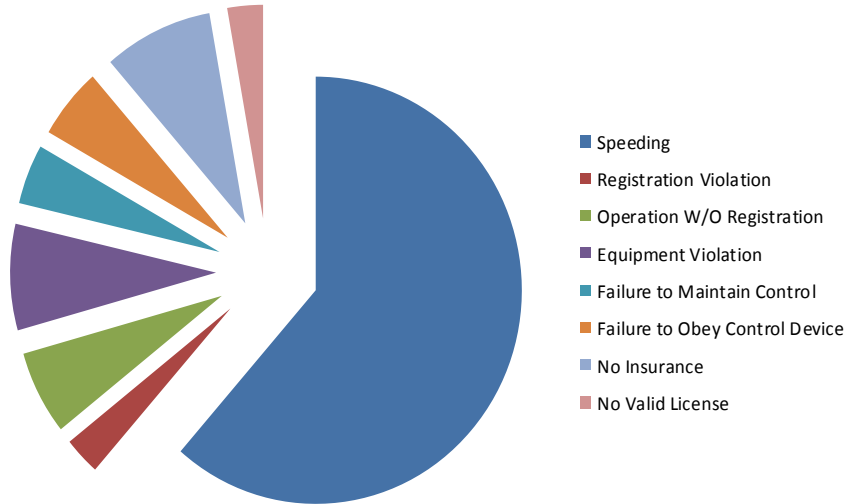


Vehicle Fuel Expense by FY

Total

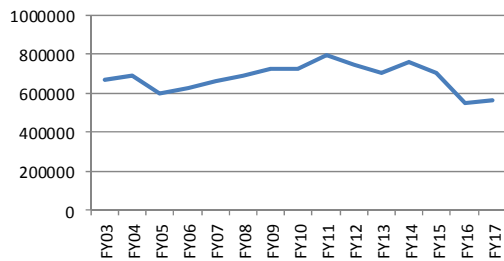


Most Common Traffic Citations



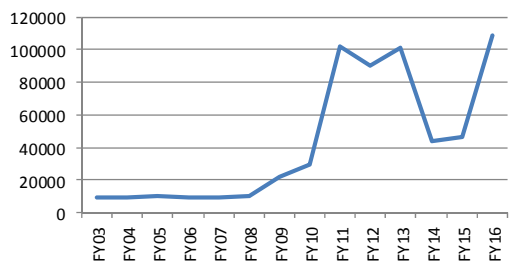
Jail Food Service Expense by FY

Total



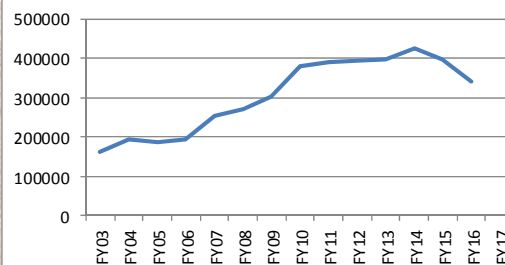
Weapons Permit Revenue by FY

Total



Room and Board Revenue by FY

Total





Harold Oliver Named 2016 Deputy of the Year

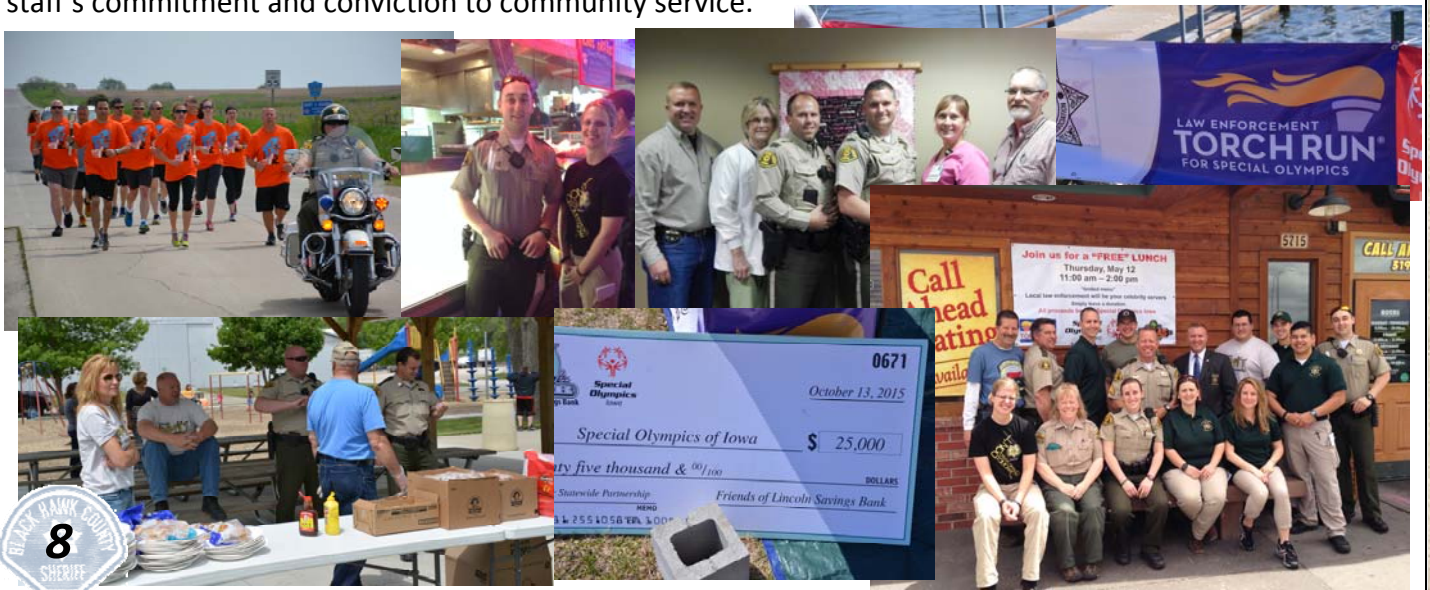
Deputy Harold Oliver started his law enforcement career in March of 1994 and has worked in the Jail Division, Patrol Division and now in the Civil Division. He was recognized as the 2016 Deputy of the Year at the Black Hawk County Law Enforcement Association's annual Christmas party.



Harold was recognized for his contagious friendly demeanor, his cheery disposition, and his dedication to duty. Further, he was distinguished because of his quick response to a shots fired incident that played out in front of him while on his way to work in May of this year. Deputy Oliver witnessed the assault and shots being fired, he retrieved his duty belt and pistol from his duffle bag (he was on his way to work) and responded calmly and tactically. He was able to hold the shooter at gunpoint while directing other emergency responders to the scene. His quick actions and calm, clear communication on the radio resulted in the victim of the shooting having aid rendered immediately and the victim lived as a result of his actions.

Deputies Continue to Give Back to the Community in 2016

As with every year, our deputies and staff are very community focused. Through partnerships with other organizations and through our own Black Hawk County Law Enforcement Association, our staff continue to have positive impact outside of their routine duties. Raising funds for special events, other community service organizations, and helping to raise awareness for worthy causes, we are extremely proud of our staff's commitment and conviction to community service.





Civilian Detention Officers Implemented this Year

In 2016, Sheriff Thompson made the decision to start augmenting the Jail Security staff with Civilian Detention Officers. This is a new position that has not been used since the opening of the new county jail in 1995. The transition is being made through attrition and the jail has already hired 7 Detention Officers so far. The change was made much smoother through several current civilian jail staff members (booking clerks and master control technicians) electing to transfer to the new job classification. The success of this change was further aided through a successful contract negotiation with the staff's union, ratifying the position and its membership into the collective bargaining unit well before the change occurred.

The civilian positions allow for less training time and quicker acclimation into the job duties. The move has demonstrated immediate benefits both to budget and to staffing levels. Initial plans indicate an effort to replace approximately 50% of the sworn jail staff over the next several years following this attrition plan.



It's All About This Staff

As with most years, the Sheriff's Office's numbers (calls for service, reduced crime rates, case clearance rates, major incident reports, assaults, injuries, and any other indicator of activity/negativity) continue to demonstrate improvement, progress and trending towards the outstanding. This is completely attributable to the excellent staff of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office and rather than write long paragraphs outlining those successes, here are photos of these folks in action:



Special Services



Division

From the Commander:



The Special Services Division of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office consists of subdivisions including civil, clerical, training, information technology and records.

The Civil Division continues to consist of five Deputies and a Sergeant whose primary responsibility is to serve legal documents and execute orders for the courts. These legal documents are many different types including subpoenas, wage and bank garnishments, small claims court, lawsuits, divorce papers, evictions, protective orders and many others. During calendar year 2016, Deputies served and executed 12,730 of these documents and court orders.

The Clerical Division consists of nine staff members who administratively support all divisions. They handle the issuance of permits to acquire and carry handguns, the registering of sex offenders, the entering and returning of legal document services, the money that comes in for the jail inmate accounts, among other duties.

The Training Division consists of a Training Coordinator and about 35 certified training instructors on staff. Virtually all staff train at least one day every month, and most of the training occurs at our training facility in Raymond. This facility opened about five years ago and continues to expand as the need presents itself. Regional seminars are held there approximately every quarter year, benefiting many law enforcement agencies and their officers, some from out of state. Fortunately, the facility was built to accommodate large numbers of students for these seminars.

Information Technology is handled by our now full-time and dedicated Network Administrator. This technology is ever-changing and upgrades to many of our systems are on-going.

The Records Division is staffed by two employees who handle all requests for records. With the interpretation of open records laws ever-changing, it is a challenge for them to decide what records we are required to release. The requests for these records has steadily increased over the past few years.

I am looking forward to a very successful new year for the Sheriff's Office, and I thank the citizens of Black Hawk County for supporting our efforts. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Special Services Division.

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Special Services



Division

	2014	2015	2016
Executions	2,704	2,084	1,932
Real Estate Sales	195	200	214
Condemnations	19	11	47
Writ of Attachment	0	1	1
Garnishments	2,359	2,065	1,900
1.1020.1 Levy	2	0	2
1.1020.2 Levy	0	2	4
Cash Register Levy	11	0	5
Demand	12	15	10
Security Lien	2	3	1
Temp Protective Order	171	152	190
Writ of Ejection	410	456	545
Writ of Possession	36	28	29
Writ of Replevin	17	50	22
Papers Served	16,126	13,261	12,730
Papers Un-served	1,392	1,154	1,161
Total Processes	17,518	14,415	13,891





From the Commander:



The Field Services Division of the Sheriff's Office kept busy during 2016. Law enforcement agencies across the country were under continued scrutiny and several departments were victim to cowardly brutal attacks on members of those departments. Even though acts like this occurred, even here in Iowa the dedicated staff of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office was able to shine and continue to be transparent and provide professional law enforcement to the citizens of not only Black Hawk County, but also to the many people that were from out of the area and were in contact with our deputies and other staff members.

The Investigative Division continued to work many cases with arrests being made and property being recovered. Detectives not only worked their own cases, but were able to assist agencies from other jurisdictions.

The SWAT/Negotiations Team were not utilized in 2016, but continued to vigorously train to be prepared for the next time that they are needed.

The Patrol Division was fortunate in 2016 in that only one traffic fatality was recorded in the unincorporated areas of Black Hawk County. That is almost unheard of with the amount of traffic that traverses our county. I believe that patrol presence has helped in this area, while deputies continue to arrest persons for Operating While Intoxicated and Operating While Drugged, and enforce traffic violations on our roadways.

The Water Safety Patrol was called into service on a few occasions. One of which was to assist with a suicidal person that had driven their vehicle into the Cedar River. In another instance, a fisherman failed to have his vehicle in park while placing his boat into a local lake and lost the vehicle, the boat, and the trailer. All were found with special equipment that our patrol boat is equipped with. That unit is operated as a joint venture between Black Hawk County Conservation Rangers and our Field Services Division at the Sheriff's Office.

It is my hope that our goal of no traffic fatalities can be achieved in 2017 and would encourage the motoring public to be aware and to drive defensively. Further, if any citizens need help, they can take comfort knowing that the professional staff of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office stands ready to assist them at any-time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year.

Captain Rick Abben

Field Services Division Commander

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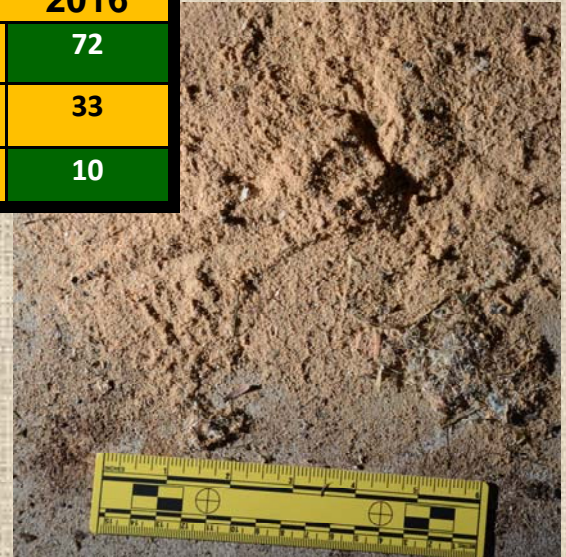
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Investigations

	2014	2015	2016
Burglary	97	63	72
Criminal Mischief	71	41	33
Sexual Offenses	7	6	10



	2014	2015	2016
Calls for Service	13,758	12,086	8,189
Arrests	4,176	4,096	3,664
Accidents (Fatal)	1	4	1
Accidents (Property Damage)	223	214	216
Accidents (Injuries)	73	36	43
Citations Issued	4,519	3,357	3,083
Warrant Services	813	796	1,426
OWI Arrests	180	105	112
Thefts	66	81	67
Drug/Narcotics	231	270	252



**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.

The jail has been involved in two major changes this past year. First, we recently approved a contract with Stanley Security Systems to install a completely new, state-of-the-art security system and all new locks throughout the facility. Jail staff spent a good portion of this year thoroughly researching and setting the specifications for this project and Stanley Systems will begin the implementation of this system in the coming months.

Secondly, the jail has also implemented the replacement of Deputy Sheriff positions with civilian Detention Officers. This organizational transformation was implemented to build more staff efficiency at a lower cost to those that pay taxes.

Our jail is currently staffed by 62 Sheriff's Deputies, 7 Detention Officers, 12 Booking Clerks, 12 Master Control Technicians, and 2 Commissary Clerks. Through attrition, we will continue to replace Deputies with Detention Officers in the coming year. Jail employees 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.

During the year, the jail booked 7,074 arrestees into the jail. The average daily population of our jail was 216 for the year.

Captain Mark Herbst

Jail Division Commander

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Jail

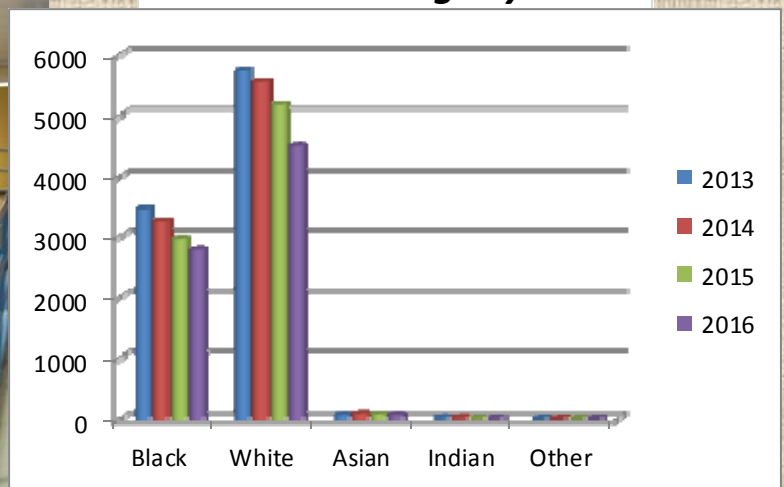


Division

	2014	2015	2016
Average Daily Population	267	262	216
Jail Bookings	8,685	7,914	7,074
Jail Transports	733	969	908



Total Jail Bookings by Race



Total Jail Bookings by Gender

