

# ***Black Hawk County***

## ***Sheriff's Office***

Service

Trust

Integrity

Equality

Safeguard

Pride

Liberty

Justice

Fairness

Honesty

Protection

Courage

***2018***

Respect

Professional

Enforcement

## ***Annual Report***

Duty

Relentless

Peace

Exemplary



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# SHERIFF

## BLACK HAWK COUNTY

Citizens Of Black Hawk County:

I am proud to present the 2018 Sheriff's Office Annual Report. As you will find in the following pages, we continue to be a busy, robust and progressive agency. Our statistics will demonstrate our convictions, but our approach to our duties and our impact will be demonstrated in the outlines provided by our division commanders and the photos of our activities contained in this report.

The Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office is a proud agency with a dynamic history and an even greater future. We build each and every year off the firm foundation developed for us by our past and we are ever reaching for a stronger and increasingly brighter tomorrow. I am personally proud of our efforts. The year 2018 was a challenge for us on many fronts, not the least of which was the very public search for a young, autistic boy from La Porte City. And while this event gained local, regional, and even national attention... behind the scenes, the cameras did not capture the frustration, the anguish, and the extraordinary efforts that your sheriff's office staff expended to find Jake Wilson. It is in the quiet moments away from the camera's views that I am the most proud and appreciative of the staff we have assembled in this organization.

In these pages I hope you find, as I have, the sense of obligation, professionalism, and extreme commitment that I see every day in our staff and in this agency. We are always striving for improvement, in greater reductions of crime, and in finding better and more efficient ways to do it all. You will hear about some of these efforts throughout this report as well.

As we look forward to the challenges that await us in 2019 know that your Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office will be ready. We will remain forward-looking yet tempered in our approach to public safety, corrections, support of our courts, and criminal law enforcement for all our citizens.

Should you find that you have questions, comments, or concerns about anything you find in this report, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,

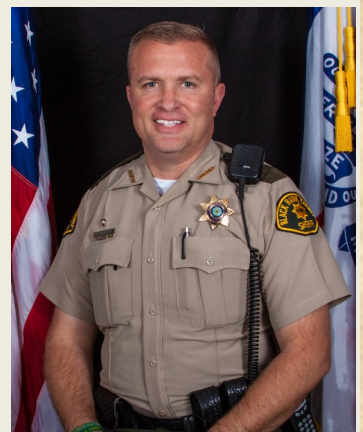
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Thompson".

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***"Excellence in Law Enforcement"***



# ***Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office***

## ***Code of Ethics***



**As a member of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional Rights of all persons to liberty, equality, and justice.**

**I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.**

**I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution and safeguarding of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice, or violence and never accepting gratuities.**

**I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the profession of law enforcement. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession, and to the ideals of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office.**



# ***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**

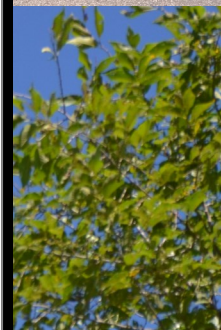
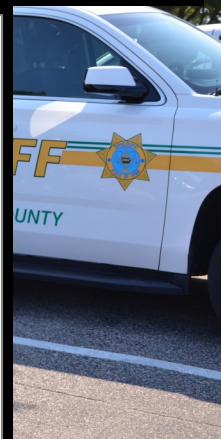
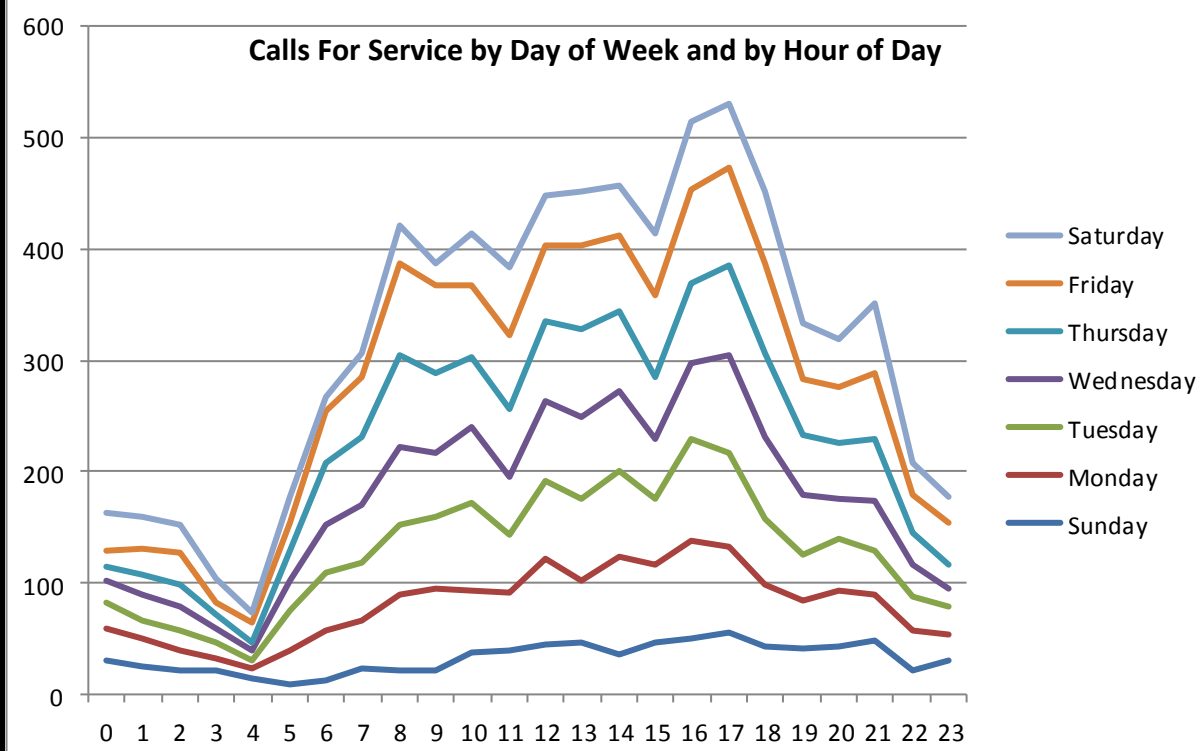
**Sheriff's Office members shall uphold laws in an ethical, impartial, courteous, and professional manner while respecting the rights and dignity of all persons. We shall strive to achieve a balance between enforcement and community needs which reflects both the spirit and the letter of the law. We support 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

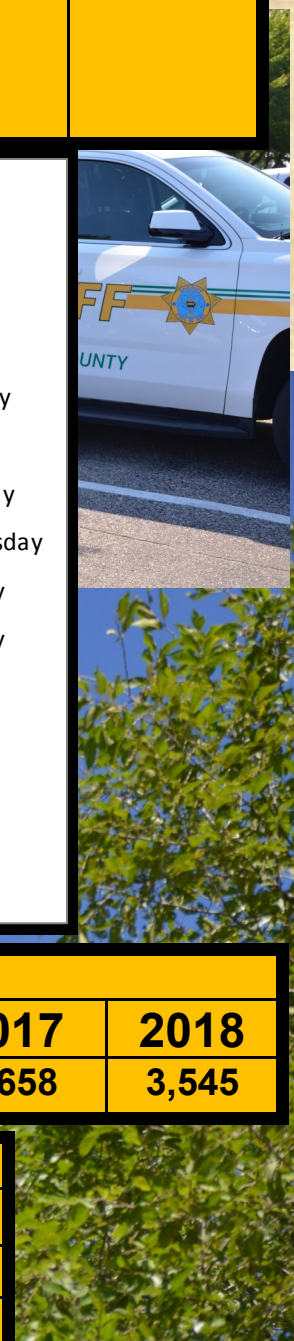


Calls For Service			
	2016	2017	2018
Total CFS in Black Hawk County	107,628	107,445	104,638
Total CFS for the Sheriff's Office	8,189	7,925	7,668



Sheriff's Office Arrests			
	2016	2017	2018
Total Arrests	3,664	3,658	3,545

Sheriff's Office Traffic Stops			
	2016	2017	2018
Total Stops	2,188	3,843	3,762
Citations Issued	3,083	3,430	3,166





# Significant Statistics

## "Part 1" Offenses

Offense	2016	2017	2018
Arson	0	1	0
Aggravated Assault	3	6	3
Assault Domestic	19	10	11
Assault Simple	16	11	21
Burglary	72	68	55
Criminal Mischief	33	45	33
Drug Violations	252	258	347
Kidnapping	1	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0
Murder	0	0	0
Sexual Offenses	10	7	7
Thefts	67	80	60
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	15	11	10
Entice/Exploitation Child	0	1	1

## "Part 2" Offenses

Offense	2016	2017	2018
Liquor Law Violations	6	4	4
OWI	112	103	95
Public Intoxication	16	13	15
Family Offenses	16	4	5
Runaway	4	1	2
Suspicion	3	5	5
Bad Checks	2	6	16
Trespass	7	17	7
All Other Offenses	16	5	5





# ***Significant Statistics***



Total Mental Health Orders Served			
	2016	2017	2018
Total Services	1,204	1,049	427

## **Mental Health Care in Iowa Sees Significant Changes**

Sheriff Thompson served on the State's Department of Human Services Complex Needs Taskforce that presented legislative recommendations which became law last year, implementing substantial changes to the mental health care delivery system in the state of Iowa. Most notable, the introduction of access centers scattered around the state of Iowa for a "no eject, no reject" point of entry into the mental health care system for those needing help. Paired with assertive community treatment teams and intensive residential supervision homes, partnerships with County Social Services, the county's Jail Diversion efforts (a partnership with the 1st Judicial District Department of Corrections) and Black Hawk County's Stepping Up Initiative (a NACO- National Association of Counties initiative to address mental health care improvements nationwide), the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office is already starting to see some positive impacts on the numbers of transports and mental health orders being served.





# ***Field Services Division***

## **From The Commander:**

The Patrol and Investigative Divisions provide the emergency response and the criminal investigative functions of the Sheriff's Office to the citizens whom live and visit Black Hawk County.

The Patrol Division is staffed 24/7/365 and stands ready to respond to any call for assistance within our jurisdiction and they also proactively patrol the communities that we serve to enforce law infractions.

In addition to the more routine job duties that they perform, this past year the Patrol and Investigative Divisions spent thousands of man-hours involved in the Jake Wilson search in and around the La Porte City area. Although this search did not provide the outcome that we had hoped for, the Sheriff's Office can stand proud of the commitment of its staff that worked so diligently until final resolution and the preparedness of the staff/resources that we are able to provide to our community.

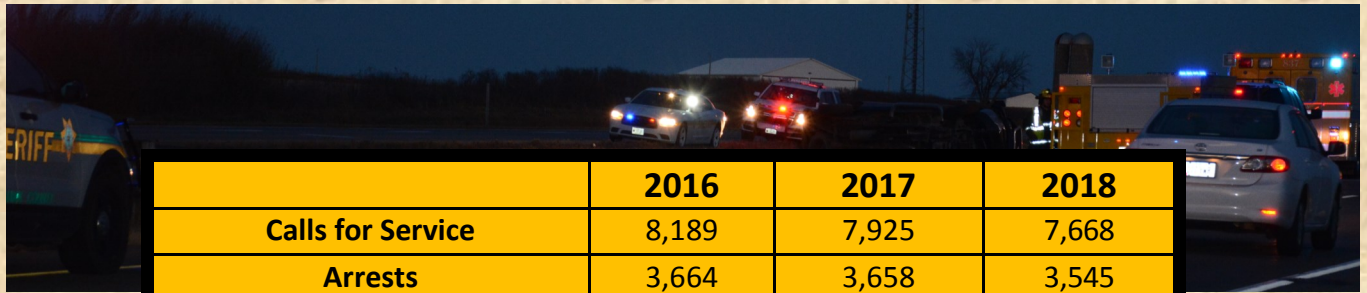
The Investigative Division also spent considerable resources invested in two different burglary/theft investigations that victimized many in and around Black Hawk County. In the fall of this year, investigators assisted surrounding county investigators in investigating and arresting a burglary suspect that committed roughly 15 burglaries in Black Hawk County and our neighboring counties to the north.

In the other investigation, Investigators joined a task force consisting of police, sheriff, and state agents from the entire Northeast quadrant of the State of Iowa investigating a Waterloo man who was committing burglaries throughout this entire region. His arrest this past month has resulted in solving at least 50 to 75 burglaries/attempted burglaries.

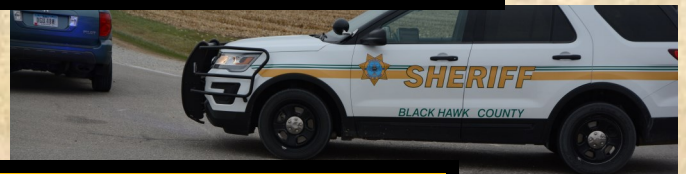
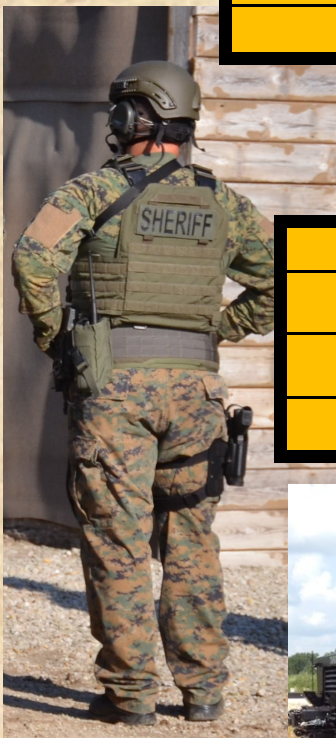
Our deputies stand ready and prepared to assist those who are in need of our assistance or other services and we look forward to the honor and privilege to continue working with our citizens in 2019.

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	2016	2017	2018
Calls for Service	8,189	7,925	7,668
Arrests	3,664	3,658	3,545
Accidents (Fatal)	1	1	2
Accidents (Property Damage)	216	190	256
Accidents (Injuries)	43	28	28
Citations Issued	3,083	3,430	3,166
Warrant Services	1,426	1,668	1,008
OWI Arrests	112	103	90
Thefts	67	80	60
Drug/Narcotics	252	258	347



	2016	2017	2018
Burglary	72	68	55
Criminal Mischief	33	45	33
Sexual Offenses	10	7	7





# ***Jail Services Division***

## **From the Commander:**

The Black Hawk County Jail was relocated to 225 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Waterloo In 1995, when our office constructed the 272 bed facility. In addition to the 272 residential 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 arrestees can only remain in this area prior to their initial court appearance which is held in the jail courtroom every morning of the year. If they must remain in jail after their initial appearance they are changed into jail issued uniforms and placed in the Housing Unit until their charges have been disposed of or they bond out of jail.



Our jail is currently staffed by 41 Sheriff's Deputies, 24 Detention Officers, 11 Booking Clerks, 12 Master Control Technicians, and 2 Commissary Clerks. We are currently in the process of hiring 2 more Detention Officers and 1 more Booking Clerk. These men and women staff our facility 24/7/365; and make sure those inmates who are ordered here by the court are kept safe and secure. 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 2 inmates from being successful at suicide attempts.

During the year, the jail booked **7,070** arrestees into the jail and booked **7,036** inmates out of the jail. The 2018 average daily population in our jail was **249**.

Unfortunately, the jail experienced overcrowding for a good portion of the year and it was necessary to house inmates in other county jails throughout Iowa. Many other Iowa county jails experienced overcrowding as well and finding bed space for our inmates was a challenge. It is believed the overcrowding issues can be attributed to more serious crimes being committed throughout the year.

Our agency continues to hire civilian Detention Officers and they have become valuable members as they perform their duties at a high level of competency and dedication. The training they receive upon being hired is second to none and the contribution they give back to the agency has been clearly discernable.

Captain Tom Mulnix

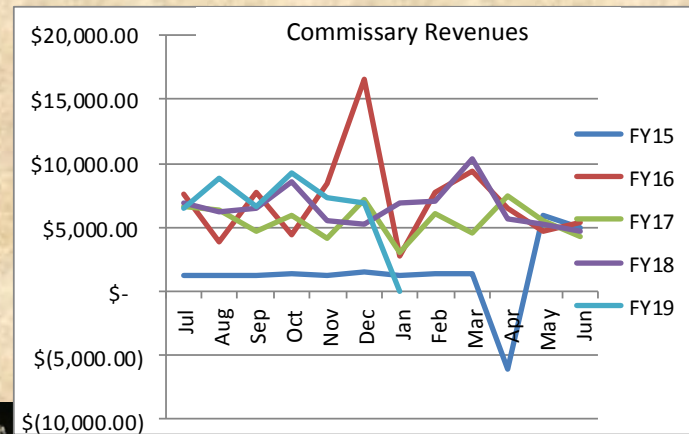
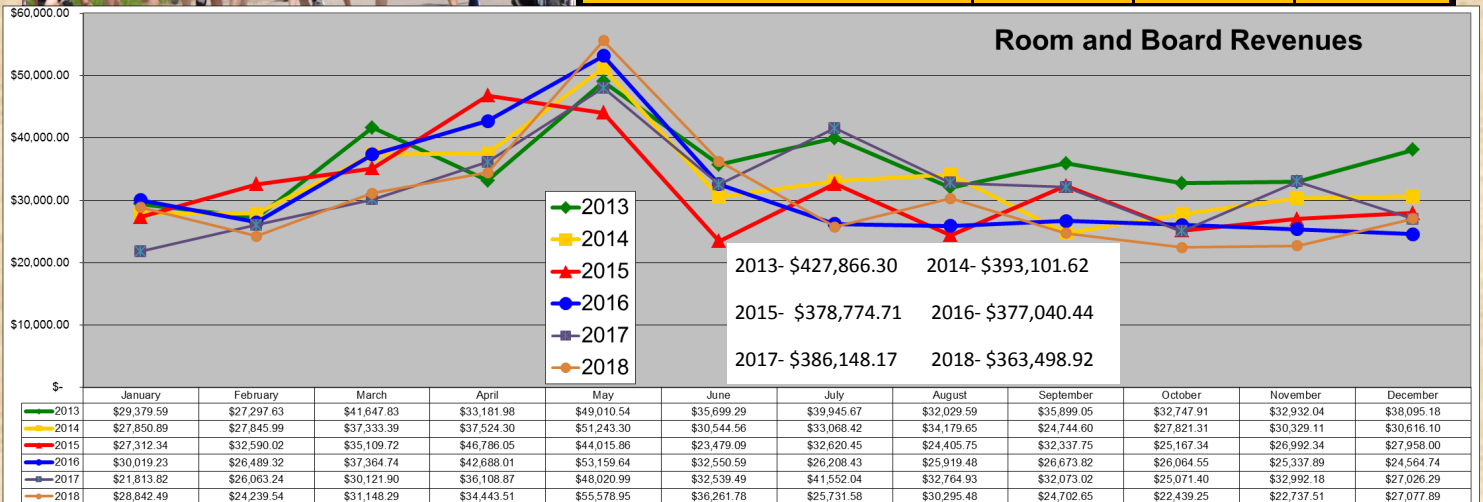
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	2016	2017	2018
Average Daily Population	216	228	249
Jail Bookings	7,074	7,199	7,070
Jail Transports	908	654	414



2018 Inmate Demographic Summary		
RACE	Male	Female
Black	1,953	762
White	3,157	1,346
Asian	42	6
Indian	14	4
Total Inmates	5,166	2,118
Hispanic: Yes- 267 No- 7,017		





# ***Special Services Division***

## **From the Commander:**

The Special Services Division of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office consists of sub-divisions including civil, clerical, training, information technology and records. All serve a vital role in making this office run successfully throughout the year.

The civil division consists of Deputy Sheriffs who are out in the field locating individuals and businesses to serve civil processes on and execute court orders. They serve and execute processes such as subpoenas, garnishments, small claims court, sale levies, divorce papers, protective orders, child support, evictions, repossessions and many others. Deputies served 11,457 of these documents and court orders in calendar year 2018.

Our nine clerical staff are the friendly faces you see at our front counter when you do business with us. Clerical handles the issuance of gun permits, sex offender registration and the acceptance of funds for inmates among other things. They administratively support all of our divisions.

The training division continues to provide beneficial training for virtually all staff every month, which is much more often than what the State of Iowa requires us to do. Most of our training throughout the year is provided by our in-house state certified instructors and is facilitated at our Raymond Range Training Facility. This fairly new facility is a source of great pride to us and has quickly become a regional training facility for numerous other agencies.

Information Technology is ever-changing and there seems to always be an open project that needs finishing. As cameras, microphones, software and computer systems are constantly improving in quality and capacity, we must keep up and continue to invest in these improvements to provide the services we are expected to provide.

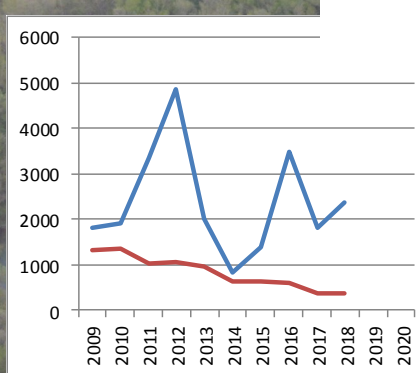
Our records staff handles the record requests made by law firms and others. Because the open records laws and court opinions change and are open to interpretation, requests must be thoroughly evaluated before release. Examples of common records requests include accident reports, incident reports, booking reports, calls for service, mug shots, statistical reports, etc...

I really enjoyed overseeing the Special Services Division this past year and I look forward to 2019 being just as enjoyable and successful. I am very thankful for my hard-working and diligent staff and to the tax payers of Black Hawk County who support our efforts. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

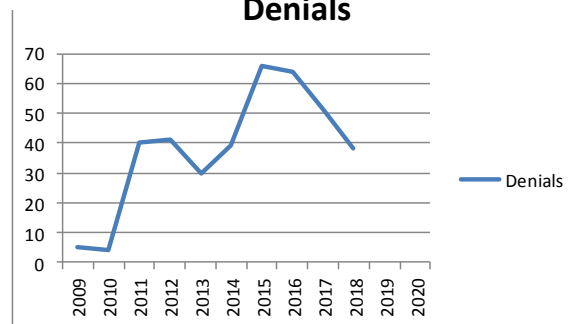
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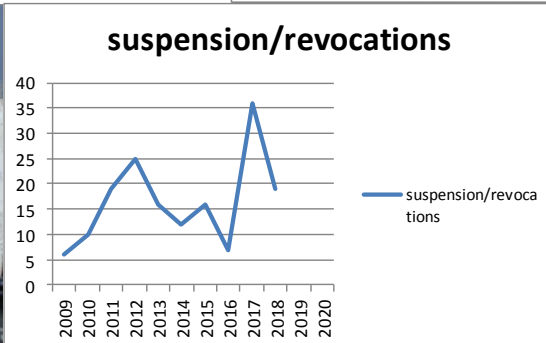
Civil Process (Type)	2016	2017	2018
Executions	1,932	1,906	1,467
Real Estate Sales	214	188	157
Condemnations	47	40	8
Writ of Attachment	1	0	0
Garnishments	1,900	1,870	1,452
1.1020.1 Levy	2	0	0
1.1020.2 Levy	4	0	3
Cash Register Levy	5	2	1
Demand	10	25	17
Security Lien	1	0	0
Temp Protective Order	190	164	180
Writ of Ejection	545	523	569
Writ of Possession	29	37	21
Writ of Replevin	25	22	27
Papers Served	12,730	12,475	11,457
Papers Un-served	1,161	1,172	1,203
Total Processes	13,891	13,647	12,660



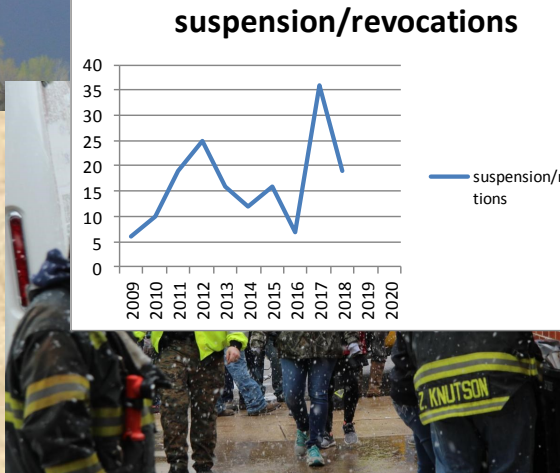
Weapons Permits



Denials



suspension/revocations





# ***Administrative Services Division***

## **This Staff!!!**

Through the changes in jail security software, radio network, jail parking lot, the Jake Wilson case, all the myriad of training challenges we put in front of them, the continual attrition from sworn deputies to civilian detention officers in the jail and the list goes on and on, this staff is amazing. The professionalism, the integrity, the honesty, the service mindedness, and the overall exemplary nature of their commitment to their duties is beyond all measure.

This year, we had the opportunity to again recognize approximately 10% of our staff with certificates of meritorious service awards and the deputy and (new this year) civilian of the year awards at the annual Christmas Party for the Black Hawk County Law Enforcement Association. Our 2018 Deputy of the Year is Matt Isley and our civilian of the year is Anna Tisue. They represent the hardworking, tenacity and dedicated professionalism that we think exemplify every employee of this organization and it is a pleasure to recognize their contributions and their continuing efforts this year.

While it is always a challenge to only recognize a few, or only one representative for the year, we are quite proud that this is a difficult yearly task. It speaks highly of our competent staff and the quality of their service to our citizens.

