

Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office



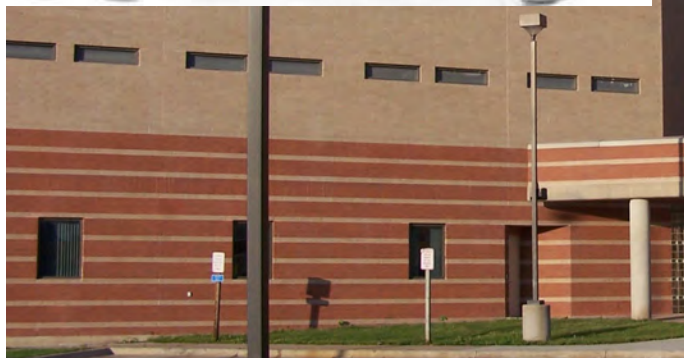
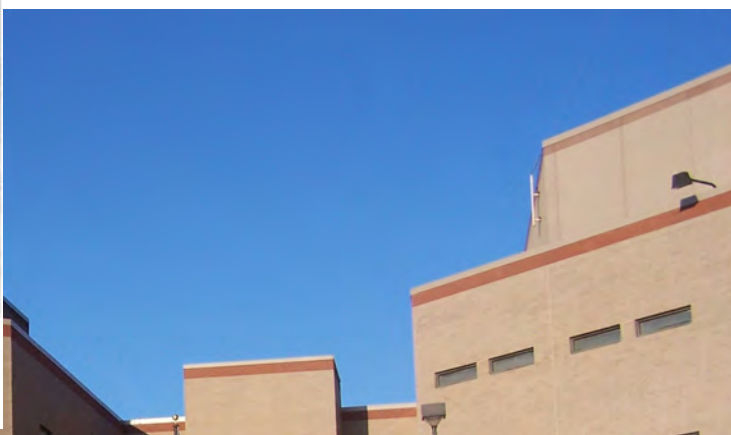
2020 Annual Report

"Excellence in Law Enforcement"

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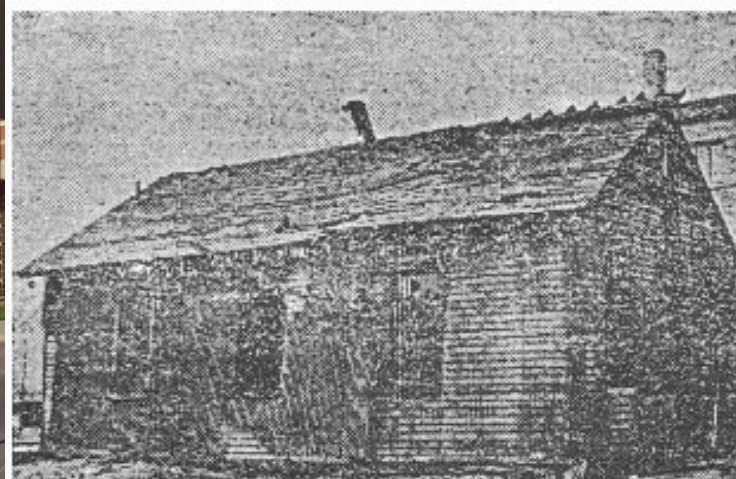
Thanks to a grant under then-Sheriff Elmer Hightower, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office hired 10 part-time Black deputies to work toward diversifying the agency. They worked for the duration of the grant, approximately 10 years. The agency continues to focus on recruiting a robust diversity amongst its staff to reflect our outstanding county population.



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Black Hawk County Jail, circa 1870. This building was constructed on the Black Hawk County Courthouse grounds when the courthouse was located near the Cedar River on Water Street between East 9th and East 10th Street, Waterloo.

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BLACK HAWK COUNTY

Citizens Of Black Hawk County:

What a difficult and challenging year 2020 has been. It has cautioned our approach to routine duties, it has changed much of how we do our job, and it has marshalled in an era of "new normal" for each and every one of us. I, for one, am happy to see this year in the rear view mirror!

That being true, as I reflect on this past election year (both federal and local) and the challenges that were inherent to that situation as well, I am focused on continuing to ensure that my agency remains steadfast in our resolve. I am hopeful in our agency's mission and in our staff's dedication to service. I challenged each and every one of them to remain vigilant during the trials and tribulations that our prior 12 months have brought upon us and I dedicate myself to ensuring that they continue to be properly equipped, properly prepared, properly trained and properly supported to continue their extremely difficult duties into the future.

I look forward to the coming year and the challenges that lie ahead of us. I look forward to maneuvering our organization through these turbulent times. I revel in being surrounded by such a dynamic staff and outstanding organization. I am truly humbled to be at the helm of this great agency for another four years.

In this annual report, you will see how outstanding your Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office staff truly is. You will see how they have risen to the challenges of 2020, and why you should be justifiably proud of their performance. You will note with me, the opportunities that await us in the coming years, and you will see, like I do, that we are truly blessed to have some of the most professional and very best employees on the planet working in this organization.

Should you have questions, comments or concerns as your review this 2020 Annual Report, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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 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

	2018	2019	2020
<i>Total CFS in Black Hawk County</i>	104,638	106,595	99,270
<i>Total CFS for the Sheriff's Office</i>	7,668	8,473	6,906

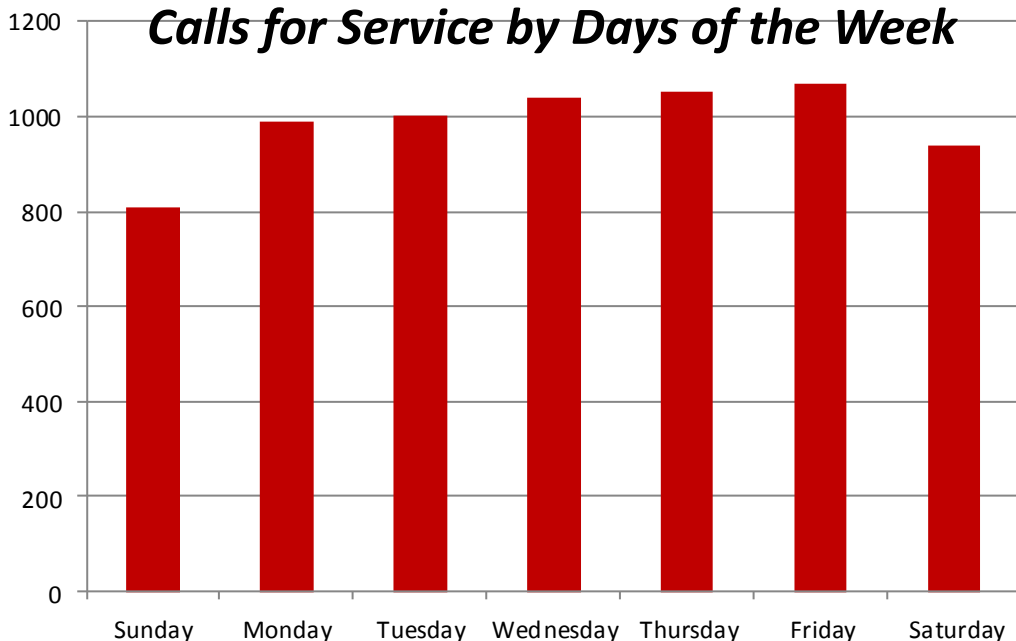
Sheriff's Office Arrests

	2018	2019	2020
Total Arrests	3,545	3,863	2,675

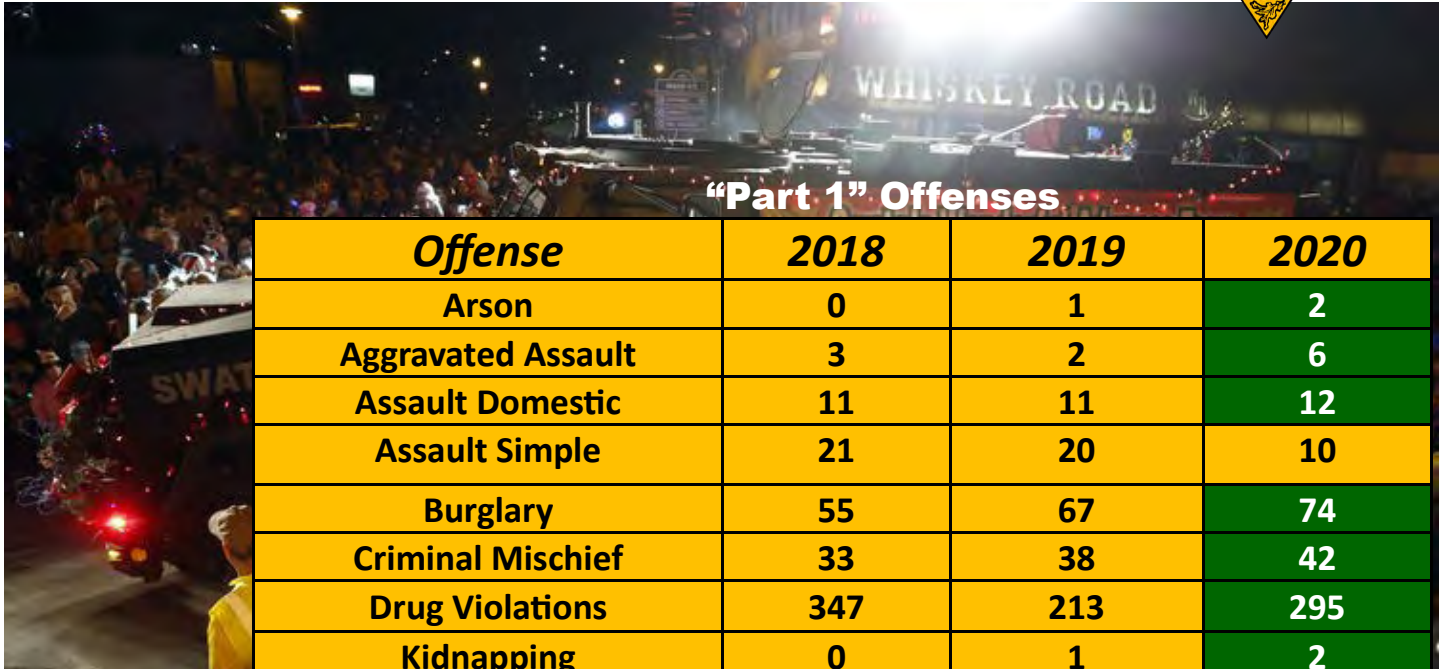
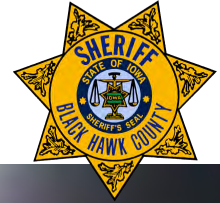
Sheriff's Office Traffic Stops

	2018	2019	2020
Total Stops	3,762	3,295	2,755
Citations Issued	3,166	2,933	2,739

Calls for Service by Days of the Week

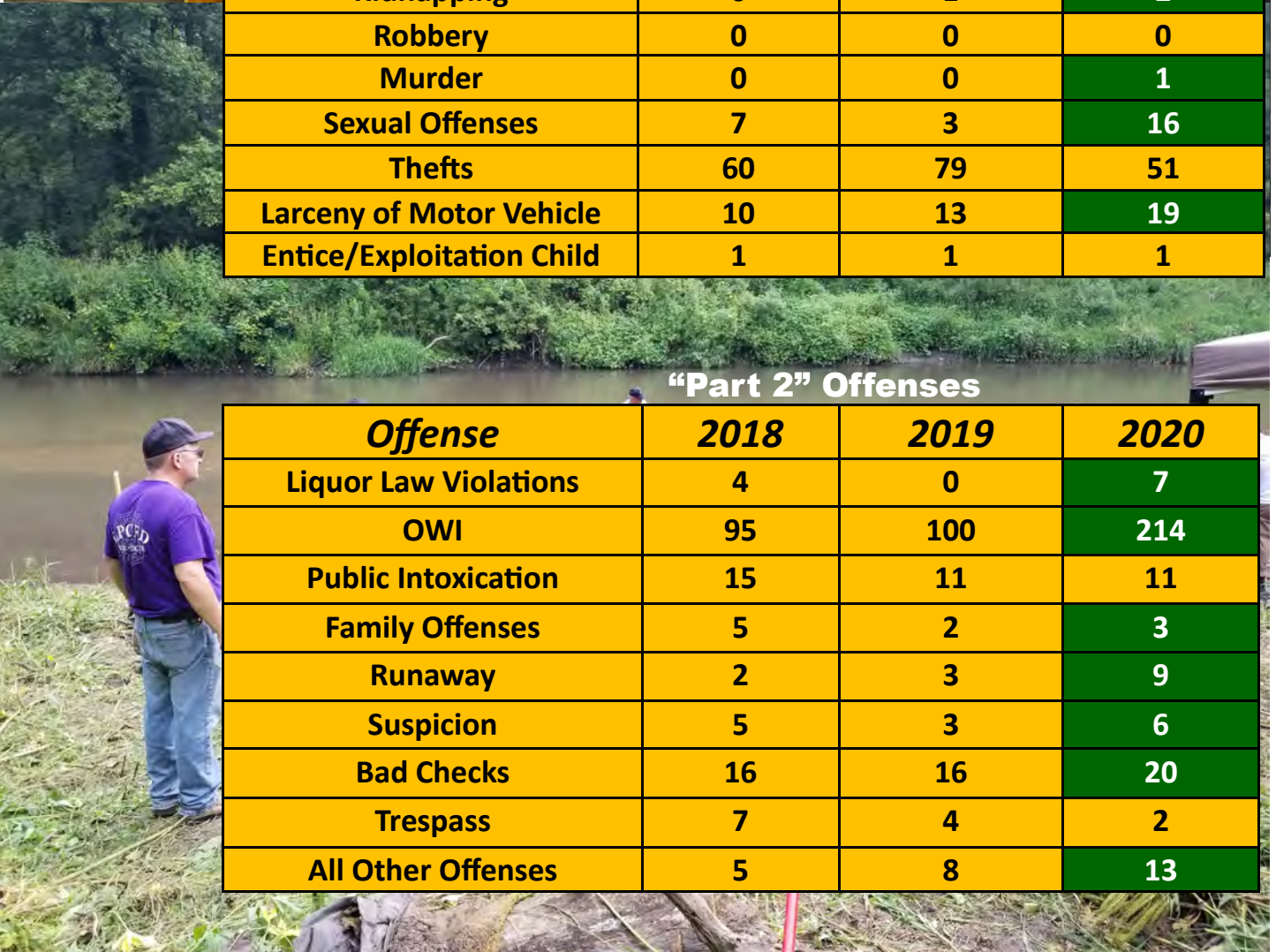


Significant Statistics



"Part 1" Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
Arson	0	1	2
Aggravated Assault	3	2	6
Assault Domestic	11	11	12
Assault Simple	21	20	10
Burglary	55	67	74
Criminal Mischief	33	38	42
Drug Violations	347	213	295
Kidnapping	0	1	2
Robbery	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	1
Sexual Offenses	7	3	16
Thefts	60	79	51
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	10	13	19
Entice/Exploitation Child	1	1	1



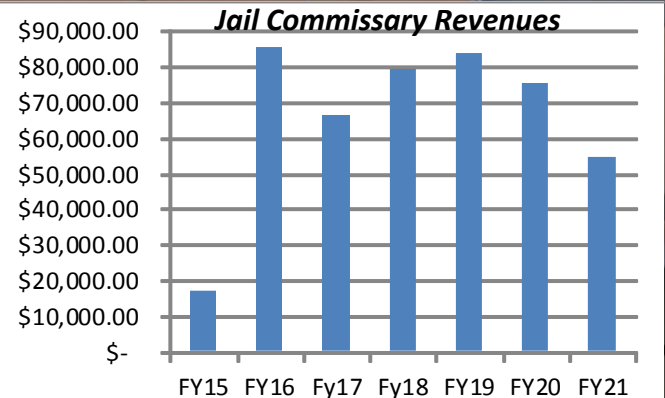
"Part 2" Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
Liquor Law Violations	4	0	7
OWI	95	100	214
Public Intoxication	15	11	11
Family Offenses	5	2	3
Runaway	2	3	9
Suspicion	5	3	6
Bad Checks	16	16	20
Trespass	7	4	2
All Other Offenses	5	8	13

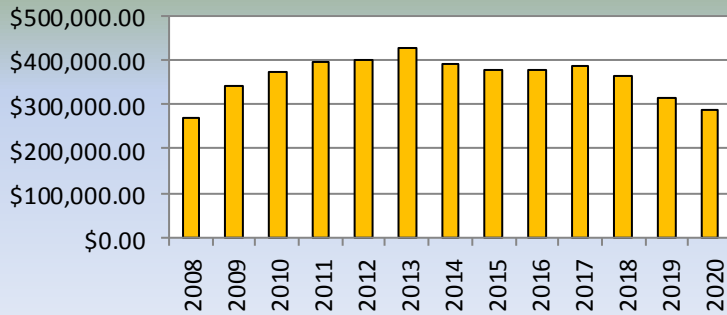
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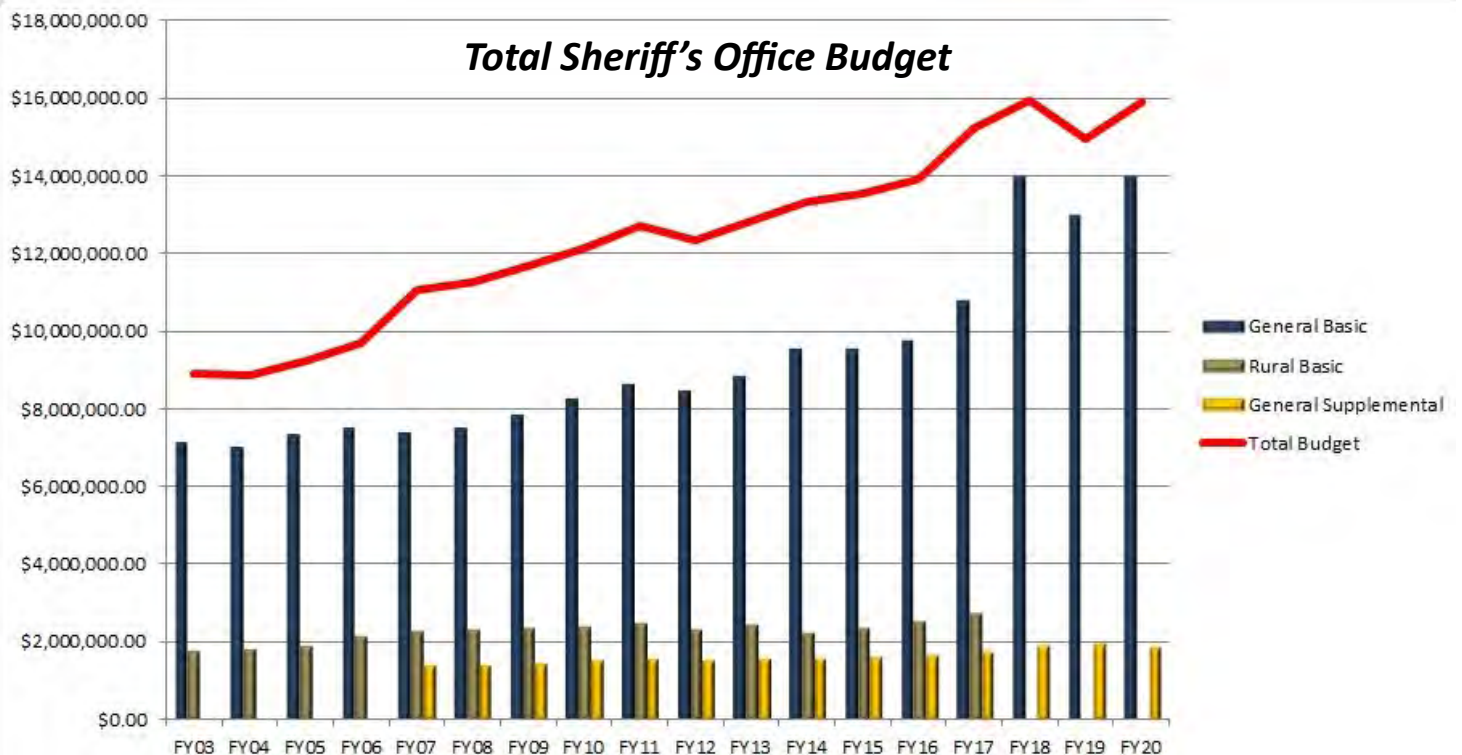
Total Mental Health Orders Served			
	2018	2019	2020
Total Services	427	504	769



Total Room and Board Revenue



Total Sheriff's Office Budget



Special Services Division



From the Commander:

Dear Black Hawk County Citizens,

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

And what a year this has been! With COVID-19 and nationwide protests against law enforcement, it has definitely not been an easy year. We've had to re-focus some of our training and unfortunately cancel or postpone some training altogether due to restrictions and difficulties brought about by COVID-19. You continue to have a very training-oriented sheriff's office here, but we've definitely had to limit it this year to help prevent the spread of the virus. The vast majority of our training continues to occur at our Raymond Range Training Facility East of Waterloo, which has become a regional training hub for many law enforcement and other agencies.

The civil division had a strange year also, in that the workload was up and down all year due to the courts shutting down at times due to COVID-19. Proclamations from national and state leaders limited what the courts, plaintiffs and law enforcement could file and execute. Civil deputies still managed to serve most types of civil papers and executed court orders that we were directed to by the courts, but the total numbers served and executed were down sharply from last year; the total was 8,926 papers served in 2020.

Our clerical staff underwent changes this year also, as about half of them retired or moved on to other jobs. They are the friendly faces you see when you visit our front counter to do business with us. They are responsible for entering and tracking civil papers, issuing weapon permits, registering sex offenders, accepting funds for inmates and other duties.

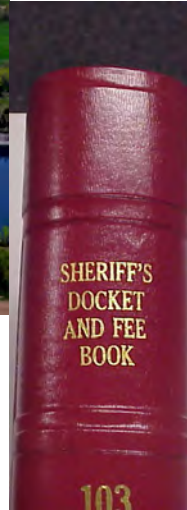
Information technology's main projects this year focused on completing the jail's new security system, implementing the inmate video visitation system and preparing for a new county-wide criminal justice information system install. IT in general is ever-changing and we're trying to keep up with it to provide you with the services you expect.

Our records staff continue to navigate the open records laws and court opinions to properly provide records to people and agencies who request them. The interpretation of these laws seem to change frequently as their release or non-release gets challenged throughout the state and country. Examples of these records include accident and incident reports, booking reports, calls for service, mug shots, videos and photos, etc..

This past year of 2020 has been very different and challenging, but my staff was up to that challenge and we survived the year. Despite the odd year, I really enjoyed continuing to oversee the division and I look forward to another enjoyable year in 2021. I appreciate my hard-working staff and give thanks to all you citizens who support our efforts. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Special Services Division



Civil Process (Type)	2018	2019	2020
Executions	1,467	1,401	1,007
Real Estate Sales	157	141	76
Condemnations	8	11	13
Writ of Attachment	0	2	0
Garnishments	1,452	1,384	1,015
1.1020.1 Levy	0	1	0
1.1020.2 Levy	1	1	2
Cash Register Levy	1	4	0
Demand	17	1	6
Security Lien	0	1	0
Temp Protective Order	180	213	171
Writ of Ejection	569	578	379
Writ of Possession	21	35	7
Writ of Replevin	27	34	15
Papers Served	11,457	11,185	8,047
Papers Un-served	1,203	1,229	879
Total Processes	12,660	12,414	8,926

Jail Services Division



From the Commander:

2020 marked the 25th anniversary of the Black Hawk County Jail opening at its current location, and due to the Covid-19 pandemic it proved to be an unusual year. Although the jail has 272 individual cells and is still rated to temporarily house another 39 inmates in intake, we've had to re-imagine how we use some of that space. In order to create "social distancing" in intake, fewer inmates were held there; instead, most arrestees were sent to the housing unit sooner than they ordinarily would have been. Going hand in hand with that process, we also began placing every inmate in quarantine for two weeks upon their arrival to the jail. By instituting these safety measures, we were able to keep the number of positive Covid cases within the jail to a minimum.

Due in large part to the pandemic, 2020's average daily population fell to 222 which is a significant drop from the previous year's average of 266. It is worth noting that the average daily population from September through December, however, was 267. 4,952 inmates were booked into the jail over the course of the year while 4,971 were booked out.

The jail employs 40 Sheriff's deputies, 28 civilian detention officers, 12 master control technicians, 12 booking clerks, and two commissary clerks. We were also able to add a social worker to the jail staff this year to help align inmates with the resources they need to succeed upon being released from the jail. This team faced numerous unprecedented challenges last year, but they did an exemplary job of working through everything thrown at them.

Despite the challenges the pandemic presented, we were still able to make some upgrades within the jail. The biggest improvement was a renovation of our 25 year old booking area. We were able to provide the intake staff with a more modern, efficient work area while also adding an ADA approved booking station.

2020 also saw the addition of a system which allows the inmates to have video visits and send electronic messages to their friends and family at home. The ability to have a stronger connection with their loved ones has proven to be healthier for incarcerated individuals, thus giving them a greater chance of success upon their release. The new system has allowed us to largely go paperless with most of our jail forms and will also soon provide the inmates with free access to self-help and educational materials on a variety of topics. This system has already proven to be beneficial to both the staff and inmates, and we look forward to seeing it become even more so in the future as we continue to modernize the jail and "go green" wherever possible.

Captain Nathan Neff

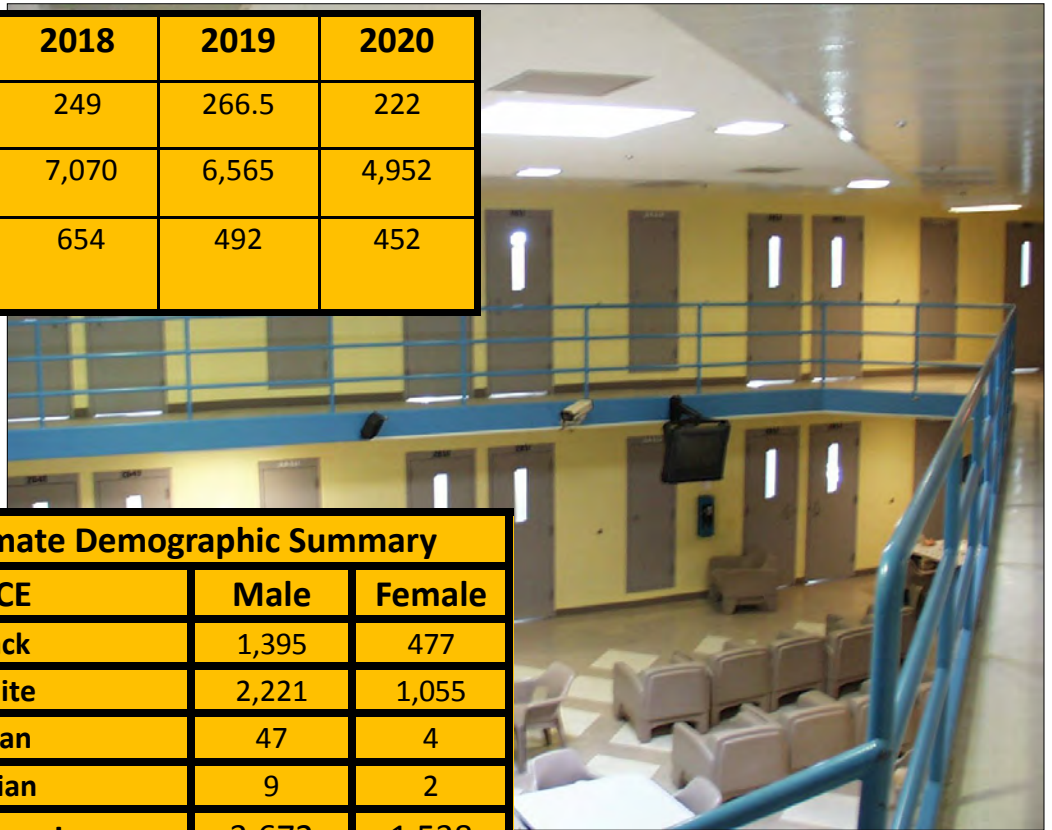
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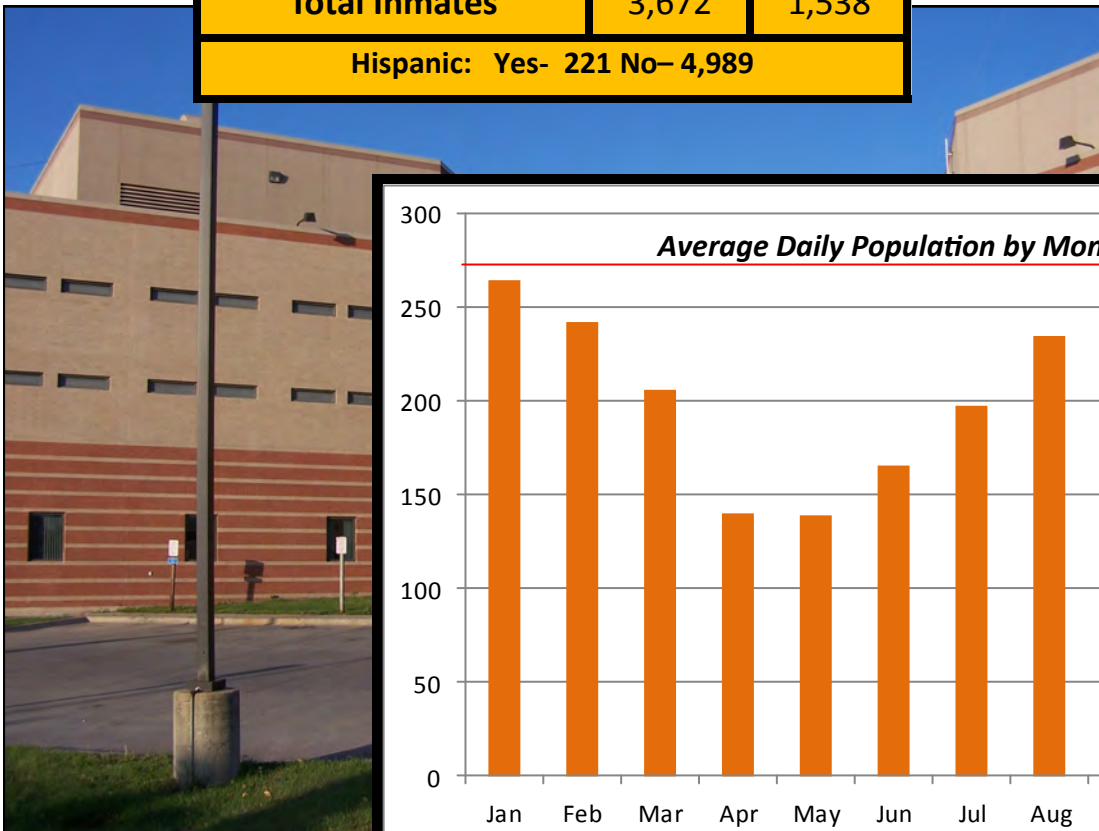
Jail Services Division



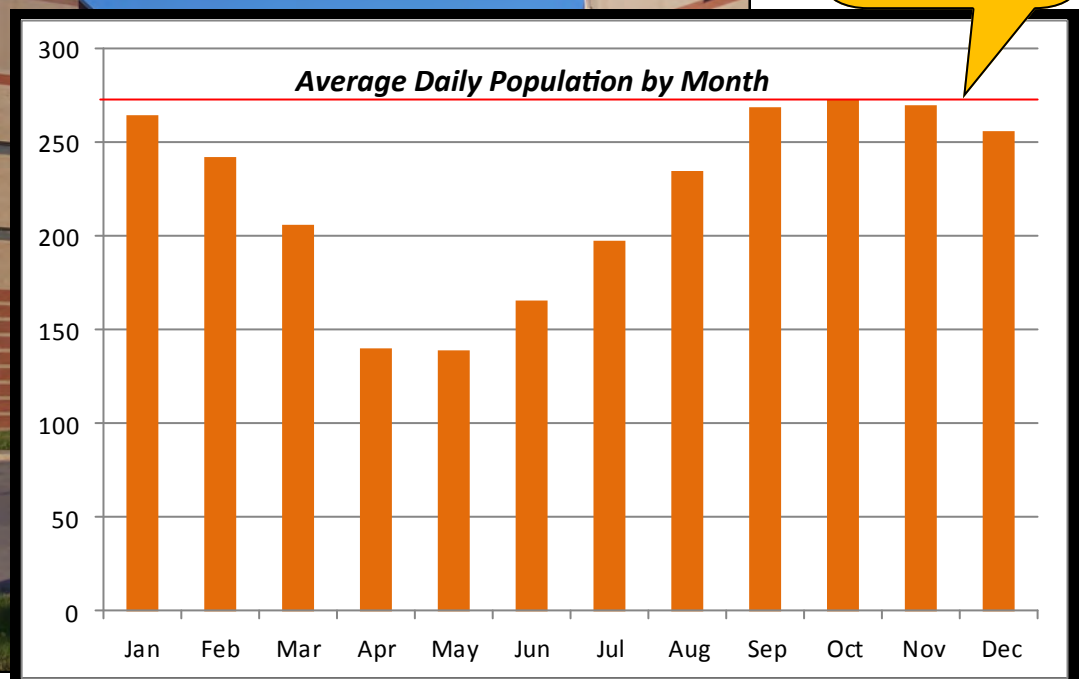
	2018	2019	2020
Average Daily Population	249	266.5	222
Jail Bookings	7,070	6,565	4,952
Jail Transports	654	492	452



2020 Inmate Demographic Summary		
RACE	Male	Female
Black	1,395	477
White	2,221	1,055
Asian	47	4
Indian	9	2
Total Inmates	3,672	1,538
Hispanic: Yes- 221 No- 4,989		



Maximum Jail Population is 272



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.

This year, our deputies were involved in a number of notable investigations which included the location and recovery of a buried vehicle and two victims of a double homicide that occurred in Arizona.

Deputies also investigated a large scale burglary ring that took place throughout the municipalities and rural areas of Black Hawk County and extended to our neighboring counties in Bremer, Butler, Grundy, Hardin, and Tama. This same investigation had cross-over nexus to an armored car robbery and the burning of a local bowling alley and a long standing community-admired restaurant in Waterloo and our deputies were actively involved and part of the successful closure of these investigations.

The Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office prides itself in our proactive law enforcement approach and our tenacious investigative efforts; the result is one of the highest successful case closure rates in the State. Our deputies stand ready and prepared to assist those who are in need of our services and we look forward to the honor and privilege to continue working with our citizens in 2021.

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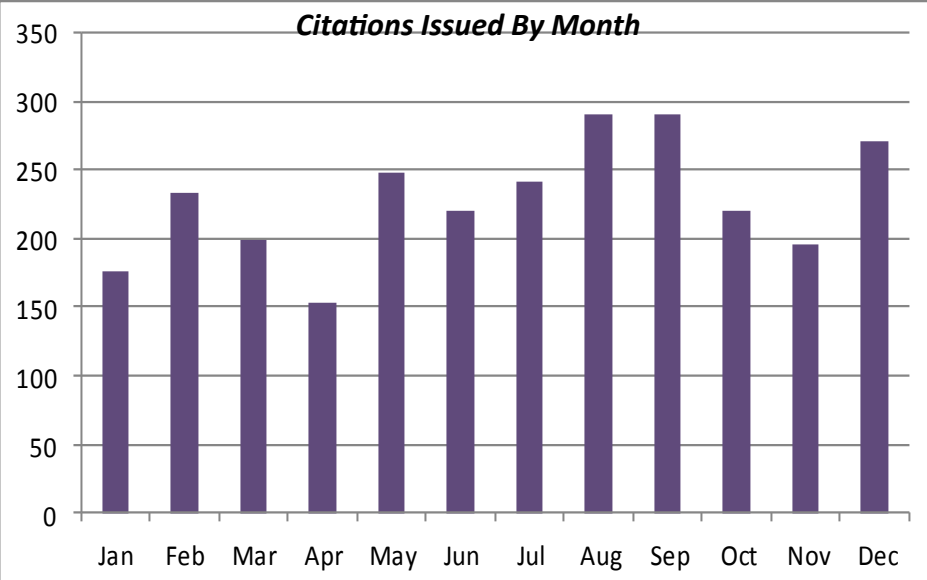
Field Services Division



	2018	2019	2020
Calls for Service	7,668	8,473	6,906
Arrests	3,545	3,863	2,675
Accidents (Fatal)	2	4	2
Accidents (Property Damage)	256	272	164
Accidents (Injuries)	28	48	27
Citations Issued	3,166	2,933	2,739
Warrant Services	1,008	408	1,367
OWI Arrests	90	100	214
Thefts	60	43	51
Drug/Narcotics	347	213	295



	2018	2019	2020
Burglary	55	67	74
Criminal Mischief	33	38	42
Sexual Offenses	7	3	16



Administrative Services Division



Deputy and Civilian of the Year- 2020

Detective Steve Haas



Detective Haas was recognized for doing an exemplary job, getting certifications and training experience to get the job done.

Detective Haas was recognized as being someone who quietly goes about doing an exemplary job, gaining certifications and training experience to ensure that cases get closed and the work gets completed.

"I have been so completely impressed by Steve's dedication to this agency, his fellow employees, and the work that he performs for our organization. He is a total professional in nearly every sense of the word and is certainly deserving of this recognition."

Sheriff Tony Thompson

In recognition of exemplary service
Office and ...

The Employee of the Year Jesse Meyer was awarded for being a driven and self-motivated individual always looking to improve the organization. Meyer also stayed calm and collected when an inmate's heart stopped in the intake area due to a serious seizure.



Detention Officer

Jesse Meyer

"As the chaotic scene started to build, DO Meyer began to direct staff actions and initiated CPR. His quick thinking and deliberate approach saved this inmate's life. It is for actions and professionalism like this that Jesse is being recognized this year as my 2020 Employee of the Year."

Sheriff Tony Thompson

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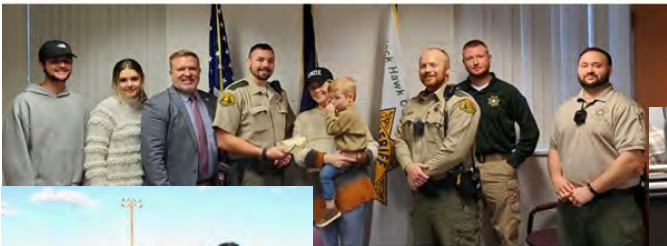
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Administrative Services Division



From 25 years of use out of the “new” jail building, to reflecting on the impact and efforts that 2020 has toiled from our agency, this has been a year to revel in. Much has happened and much has changed in our operations as a result. We have fostered new partnerships. We are implementing new procedures and using new technologies to better and more positively impact our services. From video visitation to implementing our county-wide public safety software program, the staff of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office has been diligent in ensuring that we maximize our efforts on behalf of our citizens. Through BLM protests, and the election process, and a pandemic with its merciless devastation, we were challenged. We helped our neighbors to the south with their Derecho impacts and continued to forge ahead with a constant focus on always being professional, and vigilant in our duties. Treating others with dignity and respect and always ensuring that our citizens could be justifiably proud of our agency's approach to our services... We are proud to protect Black Hawk County and stand ready for whatever this next year brings by way of challenges.

-the Staff of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office



We Greatly Appreciate You!!

