

Black Hawk County Sheriff



Annual Report

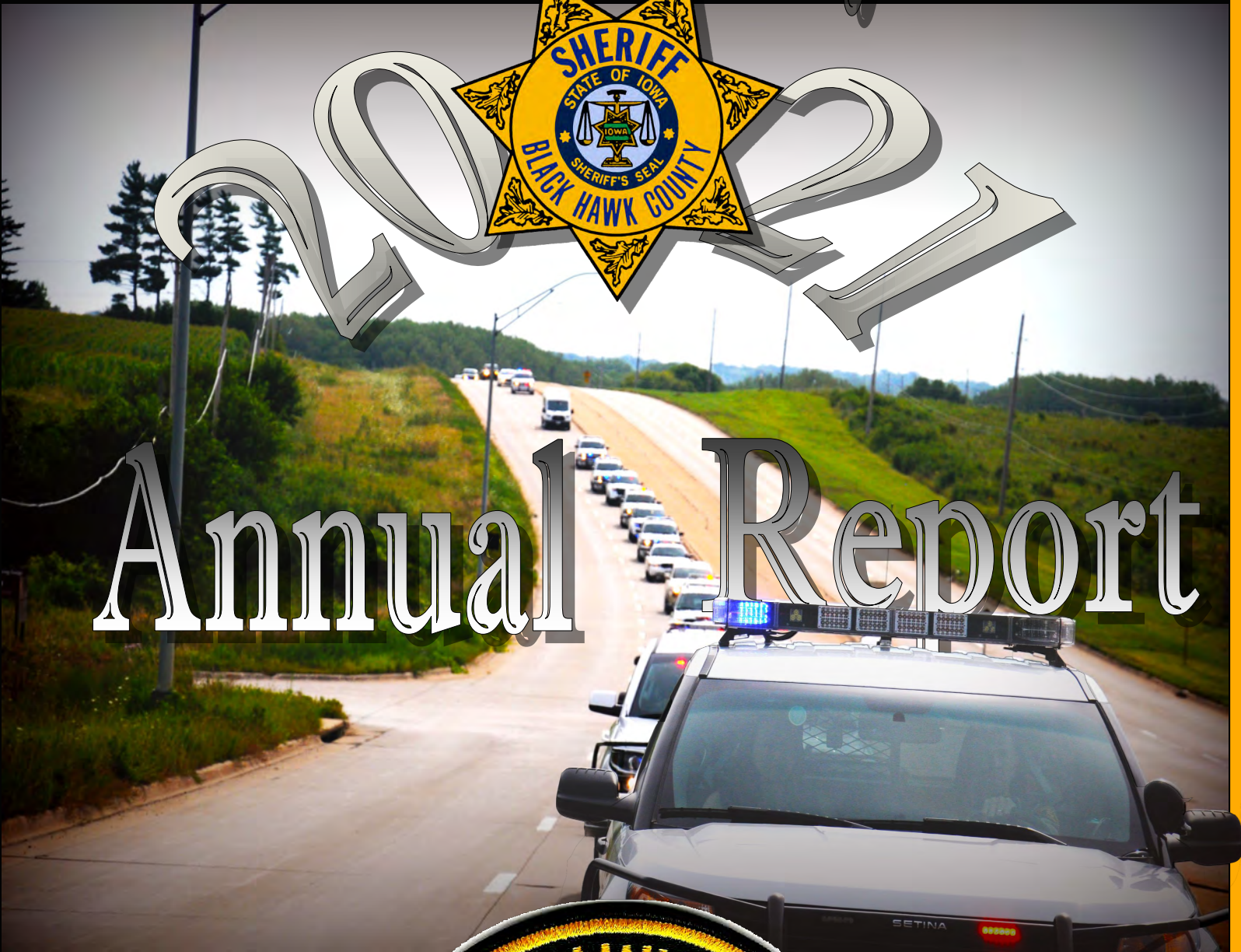


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Citizens Of Black Hawk County:

Just when I thought a year had given us everything we could take, 2020 exited and 2021 brought more challenges. COVID kicked in with new strains and variants. Our staff worked with shortages we've never been asked to endure for longer periods than we've ever had to experience, and national narratives and news stories impugned our profession and reputation. Our jail held more forcible felony-charged individuals than ever in our history, and we continually try to do more with less.

Thankfully, not all the news was bad, and as you will see throughout this annual report, our agency and its staff stayed the course, kept in the fight and held our heads high, as we continued to work in partnership with our communities and with our fellow agencies in Black Hawk County. I take pride in our efforts this past year. I am justifiably proud of this staff, and I pray that you, as constituents are as well.

When we work, we leave nothing in reserve. We give you all that we have, whether that be an investigation or our correctional efforts. We commit 100% to our craft, and our pride and dedication shows in our accomplishments and in our successes.

It is an honor to work for and to represent this staff. It is an honor to work beside them each and every day, and it is truly awe inspiring to see the personal sacrifices that they make in order to keep our county residents safe and secure. We proudly commit to our mission statement and our core values as an organization. I believe that you can see that pride in all that we do as an agency and in our data and statistics that we share with you annually.

I hope that this annual report helps to reflect that sense of pride and honor that our agency demonstrates day in and day out. And, I hope that you find something of value and perhaps even a new perspective for our efforts in these following pages.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Thompson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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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.

"Excellence in Law Enforcement"

SIGNIFICANT STATISTICS

Calls For Service

	2019	2020	2021
Total CFS in Black Hawk County	106,595	99,270	105,309
Total CFS for the Sheriff's Office	8,473	6,906	8,230

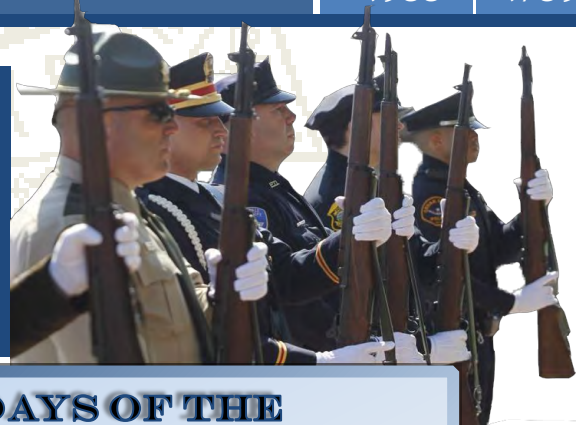


Traffic Stops

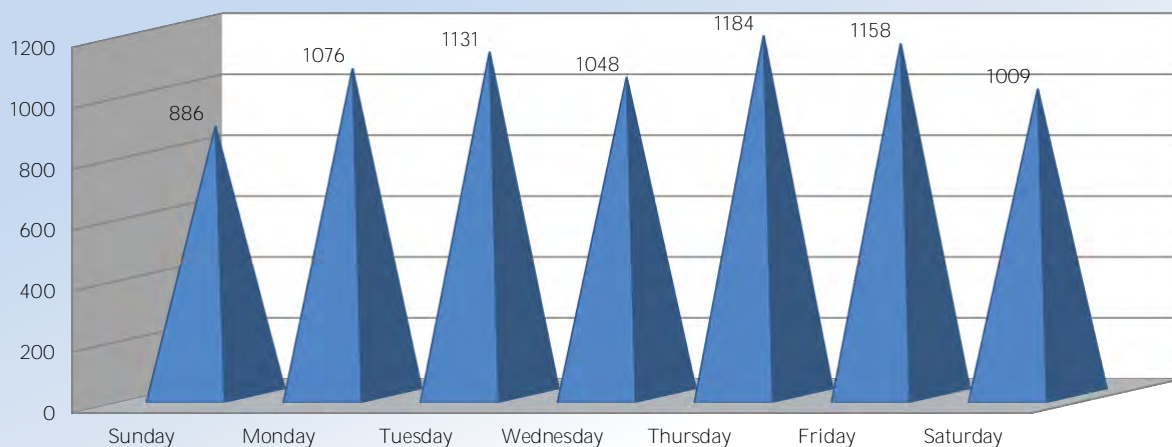
	2019	2020	2021
Total Stops	3,295	2,755	2,353
Total Citations Issued	2,933	2,739	2,804

Arrests

	2019	2020	2021
Arrests	3,863	2,675	2,807



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAYS OF THE WEEK



SIGNIFICANT STATISTICS

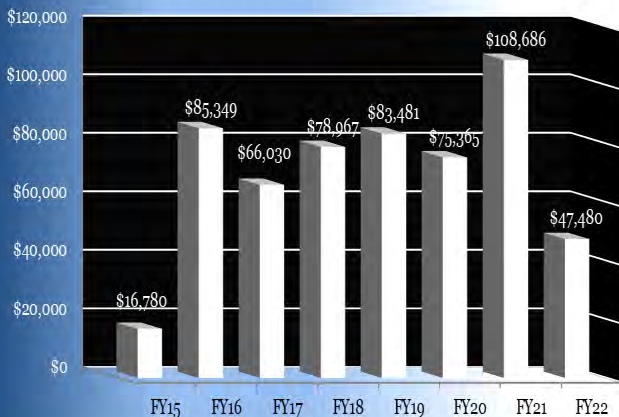
Part 1 Offenses			
Offense	2019	2020	2021
Arson	1	2	0
Aggravated Assault	2	6	1
Domestic Assault	11	12	19
Simple Assault	20	10	14
Burglary	67	74	51
Criminal Mischief	38	42	19
Drug Violations	213	295	494
Kidnapping	1	2	1
Robbery	0	0	0
Murder	0	1	0
Sexual Offense	3	16	19
Thefts	79	51	52
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	13	19	13
Entice/Exploitation of a Child	1	1	1



Part 2 Offenses			
Offense	2019	2020	2021
Liquor Law Violation	0	7	0
OWI	100	214	302
Public Intoxication	11	11	10
Family Offenses	2	3	6
Runaway	3	9	10
Suspicion	3	6	2
Bad Checks	16	20	21
Trespass	4	2	4
All Other Offenses	8	13	12

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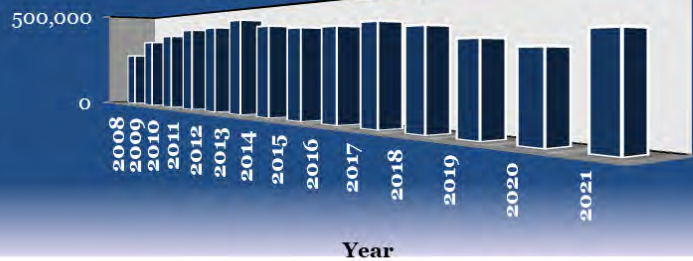
JAIL COMMISSARY REVENUES



Total Mental Health Orders Served

	2019	2020	2021
Total Service	504	769	879

TOTAL ROOM & BOARD REVENUE



TOTAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET



BLACK HAWK COUNTY SHERIFF'S



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Deputy & Civilian of the Year - 2021

**Deputy
Curt Nagl**



Deputy Curt Nagl was recognized as the 2021 Deputy of the Year. He has been a deputy since 2013 and was recognized by both his supervisors and his peers alike for going above and beyond in his work and his work ethic.

He is one who is known as a “go-getter” and is constantly able to make things happen and get things done, even if he has to do it himself.

I have been so completely impressed by Curt's dedication to his fellow staff and to training. He has this unique ability to make things happen. He can talk down an aggressive inmate without talking down to them. He reminds us all what selfless service looks like and we are a better agency for having and knowing Curt Nagl.

-Sheriff Tony Thompson

**Civilian
Jody Vane**



The Employee of the Year Jody Vane is our Administrative Accounting Specialist. She has been with the Sheriff's Office for 44 years and is recognized this year for her kind heart, her cheerful approach to her duties, and her encouraging ear to her fellow staff. She is also thanked for helping to marshal in a new public safety software project that will impact every agency in the county.

As we look at all that Jody Vane does and has done for this agency over her 44 years, it is her meticulous efforts to account for every penny in every account that I truly appreciate. She is thorough and complete in her efforts and her dedication to her duties is infectious to others. She is simply outstanding!

-Sheriff Tony Thompson



STAFF LETTER

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. Since 1853, the Black Hawk County Sheriff’s Office has been providing law enforcement services to our citizens and over the years we have been challenged, but perhaps not as much as this past year. Much has happened in 2021 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 challenges the next 170 years bring.

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



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SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION



From the Commander:

Dear Black Hawk County Citizens,

The year 2021 has now come and gone. I am still managing the Special Services Division, so if you have any questions or comments please let me know.

Special Services is what we call the following subdivisions: Training, Records, Information Technology, Civil and Clerical.

The year 2021 brought with it some sense of normalcy after the shut-downs caused by COVID-19 ceased and the country opened back up to near normal. As I write this, though, it appears that the virus is surging again. Hopefully we have it under control to a better degree and won't have to shut anything down this winter.

Training this year got back to normal for the most part, as we trained our staff pretty much every month as usual at our Raymond Range

Training Facility East of Waterloo. This facility continues to be a regional training center for numerous law enforcement agencies and other entities.

Our records staff continues to provide people and agencies with the records they request after determining if in fact those records are releasable. The laws on open records can get tricky to decipher at times.

The big focus for our IT personnel continues to be the replacement of our county-wide criminal justice information system software. It is a big step toward much better integration and information sharing between agencies in Black Hawk County. We plan to go live with this new software in 2022.

Our civil division deputies continue to serve the civil papers and court orders that you and the courts request us to serve and execute. We expected to serve more papers in 2021, than we did in 2020 and the numbers are up: Deputies served and executed 10,748 papers and orders in 2021, which is up about 20% from the year 2020.

Our clerical staff prepares and enters the papers before the deputies can serve them. Clerical staff supports all divisions of the Sheriff's Office. They are the friendly faces you see when you visit us to conduct business at our front counter downtown.

Again, I welcome any questions or comments and I thank you for your support.

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Civil Processes

	2019	2020	2021
Executions	1,401	1,007	1,270
Real Estate Sales	141	76	61
Condemnations	11	13	7
Writ of Attachment	2	0	0
Garnishments	1,384	1,015	1,268
1.1020.1 Levy	1	0	3
1.1020.2 Levy	1	2	1
Cash Register Levy	4	0	0
Demand	1	6	6
Security Lien	1	0	0
Temporary Protective Order	213	171	149
Writ of Ejection	578	379	329
Writ of Possession	35	7	2
Writ of Replevin	34	15	21
Papers Served	11,185	8,047	9,792
Papers Un-Served	1,229	879	956
Total Processes	12,414	8,926	10,748



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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 we proactively patrol the communities that we serve to enforce law infractions.

This year our deputies have made a concerted effort in OWI enforcement while also aiming efforts at narcotic trafficking, specifically methamphetamine and opiates. These particular drugs tend to have a direct correlation to property crimes including theft and burglaries that are of nuisance to those who live in our communities.

This summer RAGBRAI passed through Black Hawk County with an overnight stay in Waterloo and our deputies played an instrumental role in the safe commute of nearly 16,000 bicyclists entering Black Hawk County on one day and their safe egress the following day. These kind of special events require "all hands on deck" and the deputies serving you ALWAYS come through.

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 2022.

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General Stats

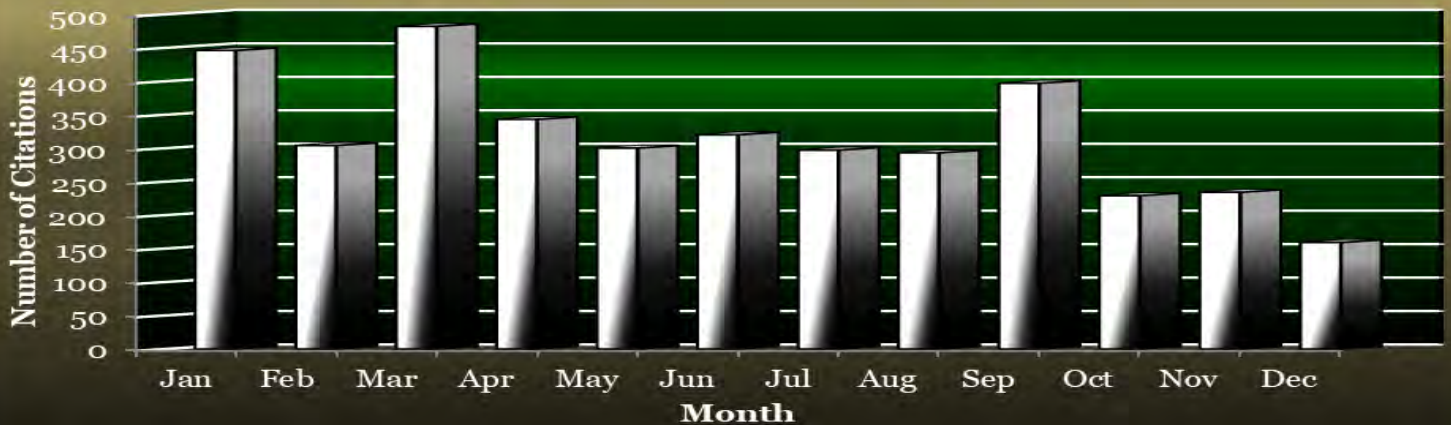
	2019	2020	2021
Calls for Service	8,473	6,906	8,230
Arrests	3,863	2,675	2,807
Accidents			
Fatal	4	2	3
Property Damage	272	164	199
Injuries	48	27	55
Citations Issued	2,933	2,739	2,804
Warrants Served	408	1,367	1,507
OWI Arrests	100	214	220
Thefts	43	51	52
Drug/Narcotics	213	295	494

Investigations

Offense	2019	2020	2021
Burglary	67	74	51
Criminal Mischief	38	42	19
Sexual Offense	3	16	19



Citations Issued By Month



BLACK HAWK COUNTY SHERIFF'S

JAIL SERVICES DIVISION





From the Commander:

While much of our lives returned to “normal” in 2021, we were all still greatly affected by the effects of Covid....either directly or indirectly. The Black Hawk County Jail was not immune to this but by continuing with the Covid protocols established in 2020, we have been able to keep the inmate population safe as there have been relatively few positive cases within the jail. We have also been working hand in hand with Naphcare (the jail’s medical provider) and the Black Hawk County Health Department to offer the Covid vaccine to our inmates on a regular basis. Not only is this helping keep people safe while they’re in the jail, but it also has the added benefit of helping keep our community healthy once they’re no longer in custody.

2021 saw numbers within the jail fall back in line with where they had been prior to the anomalous 2020 as 5,743 arrestees were booked into the jail. That continued the trend of a gradual decline in bookings we saw that began in 2017 when 7,199 people were booked into the jail. Despite fewer people being booked in, this hasn’t translated to fewer people in the jail as a greater

number of those arrests are for more serious crimes. The jail’s average daily population in 2021 was 263 which doesn’t leave much room to operate within the 272 bed facility.

When fully staffed the jail employs 68 security staff which is comprised of sworn and civilian officers, 12 master control technicians, 12 booking clerks, two commissary clerks, and one licensed social worker. Not unlike many other industries, hiring qualified workers has been a struggle over the last two years so the jail has been forced to run short-handed on several occasions which has resulted in some of the staff working a lot of overtime. Their efforts have kept the jail running smoothly even as it has filled up with an ever increasingly violent population.

Despite the challenges, we were able to make some substantial upgrades within the jail. We continued to build on our CIDnet system that was implemented in late 2020. This has allowed the inmates to have increased communication not only with their family and friends, but with their attorneys, probation officers, and other professional staff as well. We were also able to renovate the jail’s medical area which had not seen any significant upgrades since the building opened in 1995. The updates now allow the nursing staff to work more efficiently in a cleaner and more modern work area.

The last couple of years have been unusual to say the least, but we’ve managed to stay reasonably healthy and productive here at the jail thanks in large part to a very professional, dedicated work force. I look forward to seeing more changes and improvements in the coming year regardless of what challenges may be thrown our way!

Captain Nathan Neff

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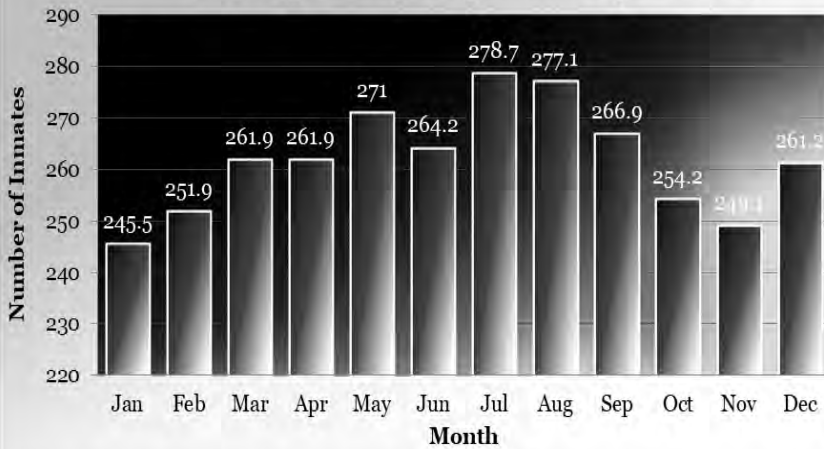
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Daily Activity

Averages	2019	2020	2021
Average Population	266.5	222	262.7
Jail Bookings	6,565	4,952	5,743
Jail Transports	492	452	494

Average Daily Population by Month



Inmate Demographic Summary

Race	Male	Female
Black	1,698	548
White	2,559	1,099
Asian	54	7
Indian	7	6
Total Inmates	4,321	1,661

Hispanic

Yes	264
No	5,718



