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Year 2002 Annual Report



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Dear Friends:

I am very proud to present the citizens of Black Hawk County, the Annual Report for 2002.

As you will find from reading this publication, the Sheriff's Office is a very busy place. Continuing to provide the very best in protection and service to the citizens of Black Hawk County has been our charge for this past year.

Every year, our tasks become ever more challenging, with the increasing demands placed on our profession. We continually strive to be responsive to the changes that each community in Black Hawk County presents us. The men and women who serve in this office continue to focus on professionalism and responsiveness as our primary goals.

After reviewing our report, I hope you will agree with me, that your Sheriff's Office is an exceptional one.

Working together with all residents of Black Hawk County, we can continue to improve and enhance the quality of service that you have come to expect from the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office.

Enjoy this annual report, and I encourage your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Kubik".

Michael Kubik, Sheriff

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2002 Annual Statistics



"A" Offenses:



Offense	2002	2001
Arson	6	2
Aggravated Assault	9	7
Domestic Assault	23	77
Simple Assault	34	44
Burglary	139	117
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	93	79
Drug/Narcotics Violation	105	77
Murder	0	0
Robbery	3	2
Sexual Offenses	21	10
Thefts	155	129
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	7	5



"B" Offenses:



Offense	2002	2001
Liquor Law Violations	31	30
OWI	97	91
Public Intoxication	29	17
Family Offenses	2	6
Runaway	25	25
Suspicion	51	45
Bad Checks	2	4
Trespass	8	19
All Other Offenses	240	179

 -Indicates Increase in 2002

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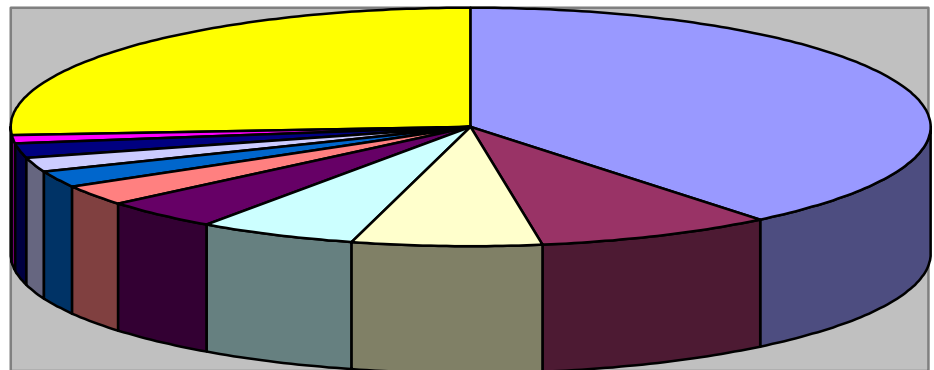
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	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Calls For Service	10,655	8,548
Arrests	2,793	2,900
Accidents-Fatality	2	3
Accidents-Injury	45	71
Accident –Property Damage	222	189
Citations Issued	1,158	2,376
Warrant Services	691	708

As is evident by the statistics, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office has seen over 2,100 more requests for service in the year 2002. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office has detected and pursued more criminal offenses in nearly 70% of all reported categories. Consequently, the office has been tasked with being ever more vigilant in their efforts to maximize efficiency while not affecting service due to current budgetary constraints.

Calls for Service Breakdown

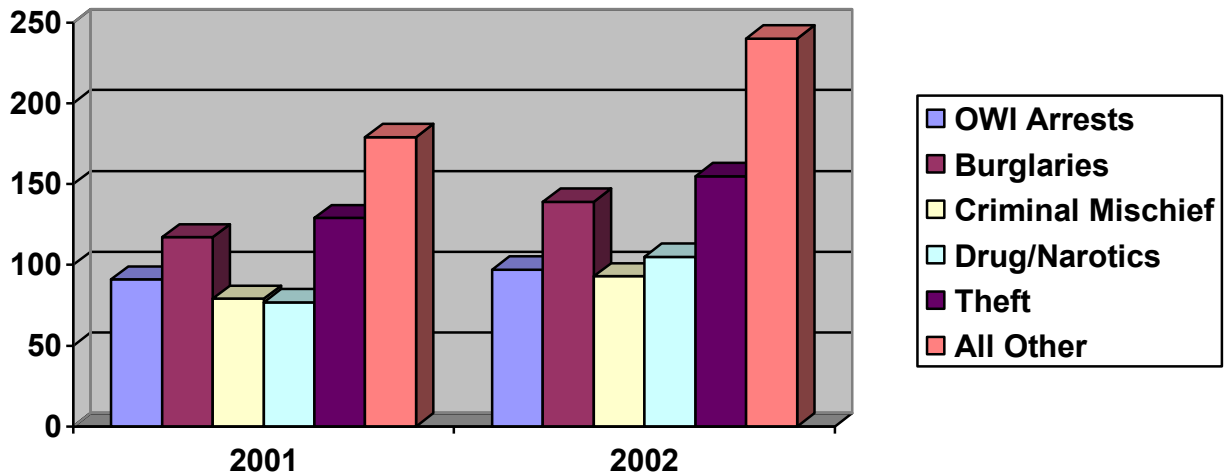
- Traffic Stops
- Transports
- Warrant Services
- General Suspicion
- MVA-Property
- General Assist
- Larceny/Theft
- Animal Complaint
- Traffic Hazard
- Disorderly
- All Other



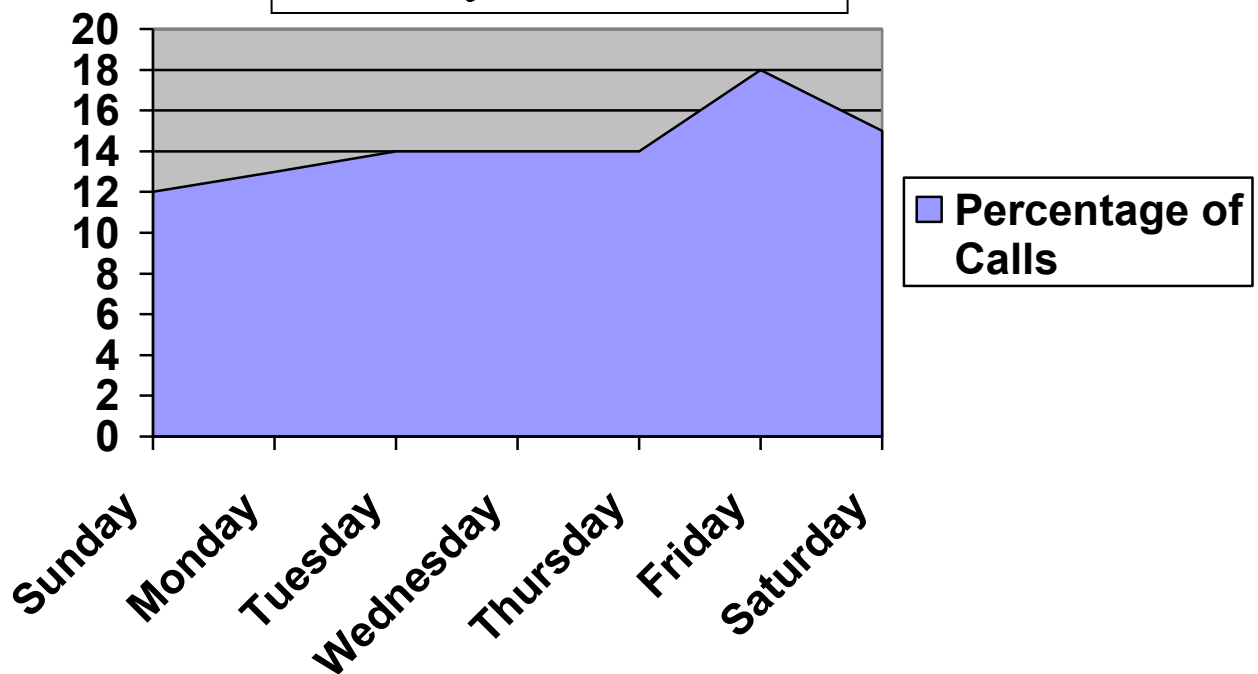
2002 Annual Statistics

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Notable Offenses Breakdown



Call Percentage by Day of Week



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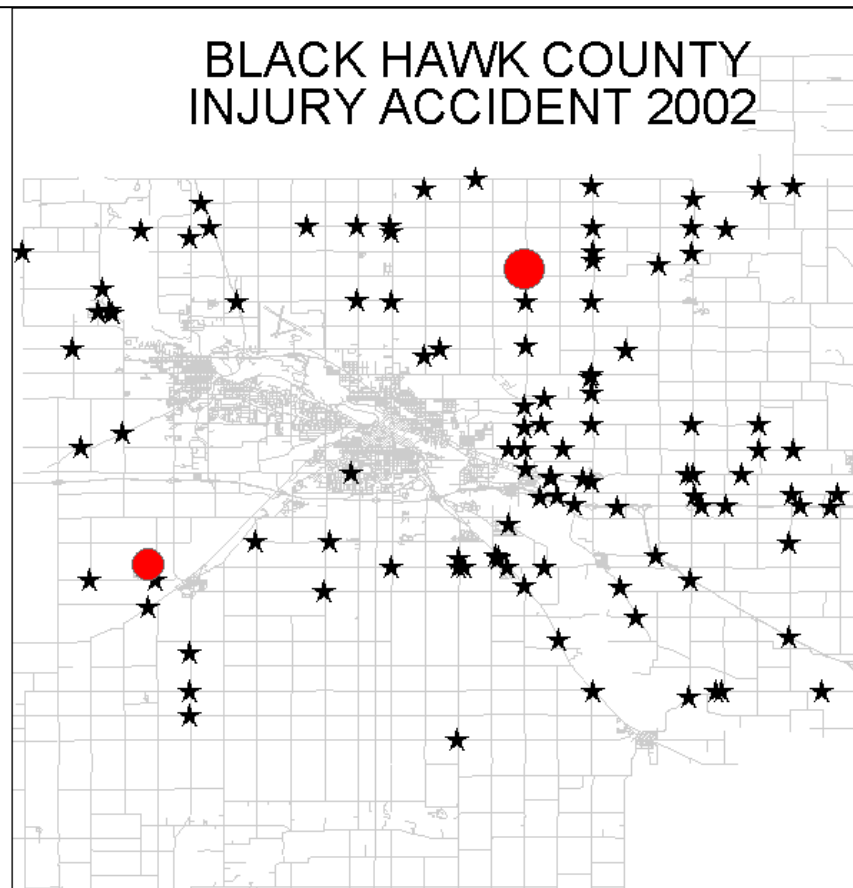
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Year 2002 Case Closure Rating:

Calls for Service Requests:	10,655
Calls for Service Resulting in Cases:	10,209
Remaining Open Cases from 2002:	<u>15</u>
Case Closure Ratio:	99.8%

*This is not a case clearance statistic

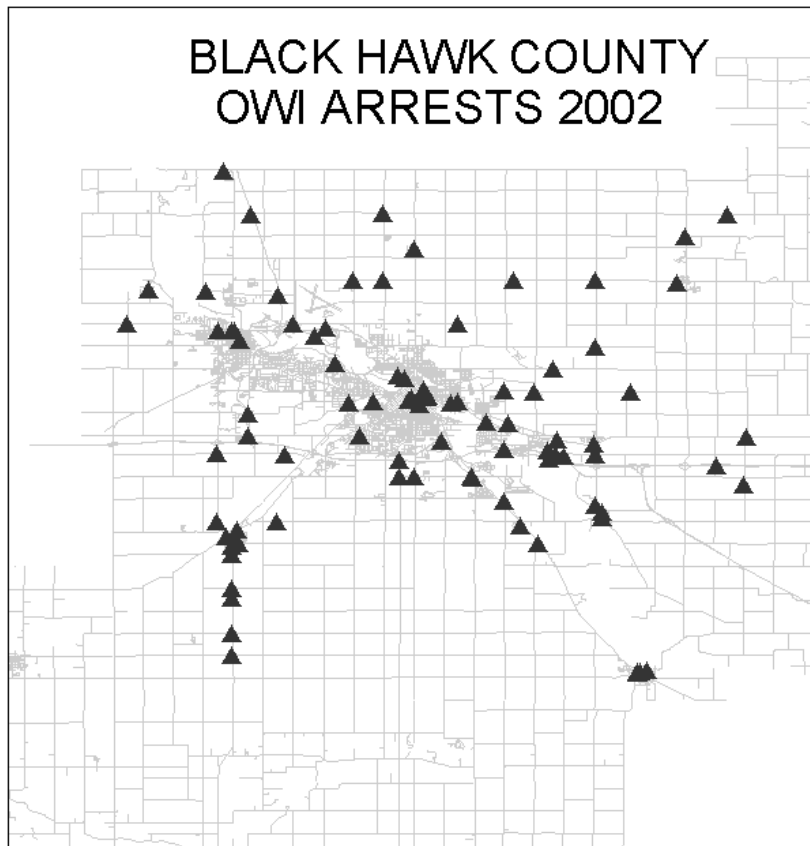
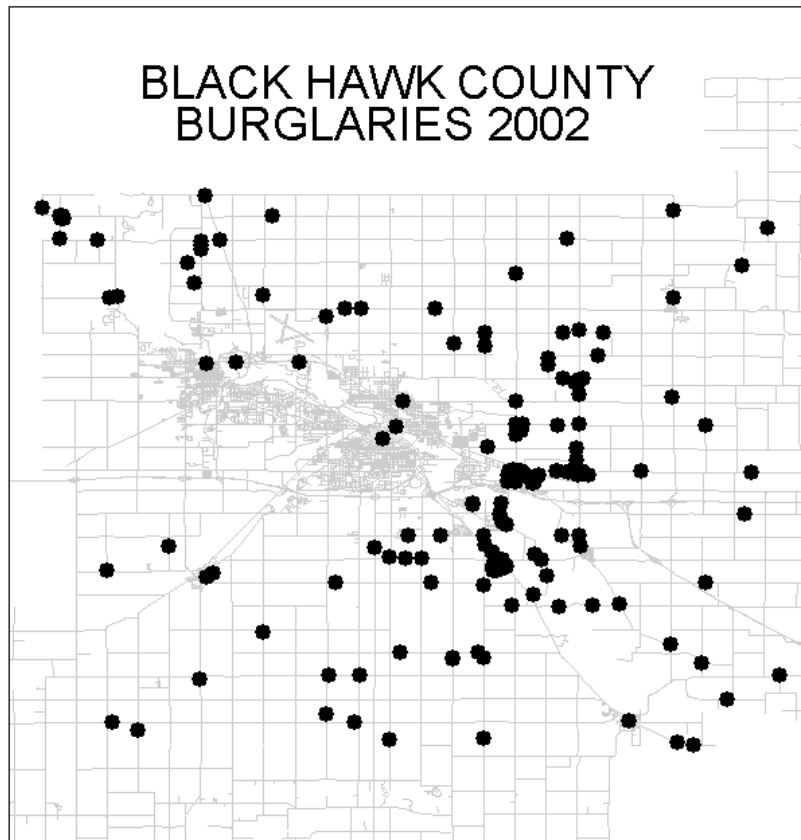
Motor Vehicle Accidents and Fatalities Map



● = FATALITY

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Administrative Division



Budgets Challenge Office to be More Creative

As our office continues to see a rise in the requests for service and stretching demands for resources such as vehicles, ammunition, fuel, food, jail clothing, and office equipment, we are challenged to continue to maintain the current level of service. We are continuing to find new and inventive ways to raise our capability level without costing the taxpayers more for our agency's work. To that extent, the Sheriff opted to not replace both the Major (upon retirement) and a supervisory Lieutenant (also upon retirement), as continuing efforts to streamline operations without asking for additional funding.

We have instituted several new programs to help us to be more responsive to crime, without consuming any more tax dollars in the process. The Senior's Safe Program is one of those inventive ways to positively impact our agency's responsiveness to the needs of our citizens, while still aiding our own ability to detect and respond more quickly to emergencies and crime. The program focuses on providing cellular telephones to any citizen in Black Hawk County that is 60 years of age or older. The cell phones will allow the citizen to only dial 9-1-1, and report accidents, problems or incidents requiring emergency assistance. To date, the Sheriff's Office has given over 850 cell phones away in this program.



Yet another program that is just getting underway is the Sheriff's Safe Vehicle Program. The best way to explain the program is to liken it to a "mobile blue star home" program. Sheriff Kubik has seen the rash of child abductions across the nation and wanted to make sure that local law enforcement have a plan in the unfortunate circumstance that one of our county's children are ever taken. He has been working with the state of Iowa on implementing the "Amber Alert System" statewide, but immediately is able to prepare by locating and conducting background checks

on local volunteers who are willing to place a Safe Vehicle sticker in the window of their vehicle. Along with the sticker comes information to better empower these volunteers to detect and report trouble when it occurs. In all the program is yet another way to enable local citizens to help the Sheriff's Office be more responsive and hopefully deter crime by partnering with our citizens.

Patrol Division

Doing More with Less

As our 2002 statistics indicate, the Patrol Division has been a very busy place. We have been working more accidents, more burglaries, more thefts, and had to respond to the needs of our citizens over 2,100 more times than the previous year. The demands being placed on our division continues to grow, as we continue to pursue new and improved ways to detect crime, pursue crime, and ultimately deter crime.



With a new focus and additional grant funding obtained to combat alcohol, drugs, underage drinking and drunk driving offenses, our statistics demonstrate increases in these category offenses. The Patrol Division continues to seek grant funding for overtime and for equipment to lessen the tax burden for providing for these efforts. The division has obtained much new technology as a result of grants through the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, as well as the U.S. Department of Justice.

Items like Mobile Data Computers allow officers to obtain much more information about a situation or a traffic stop to allow for safer and more rapid response. The division has also begun field-testing a GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) location device to help our dispatchers determine the closest car to a call. This system will also speed officer response to emergency calls by priority dispatching the closer units. All of this technology was funded through grants and improves our agency's ability to respond to crime without costing taxpayers more to improve our level of service.



Additional services provided by the Patrol Division such as our K-9 teams are funded solely through grants and donations, enabling our office to use the budgetary funds to pursue crime and pay for other important services.



	2001	2002
<i>Calls for Service</i>	8,548	10,655
<i>OWI</i>	91	97
<i>Thefts</i>	129	155
<i>MVA-Property</i>	189	222
<i>Drug/Narcotics</i>	77	105

Civil Division

<i>Yearly Totals</i>		
Services	2001	2002
Executions	3,065	3,132
Real Estate Sales	121	152
Condemnations	0	1
Writ of Attachment	2	0
Abandoned Vehicle/OWI	10	0
Garnishments	3,111	3,023
260A Levy	5	2
260B Levy	12	4
Cash Register Levy	13	16
Demand	36	39
Security Lien	1	1
Papers Served	18,858	16,497
Unserved	2,213	1,634
Total Processes	22,056	21,368



Keeping it “Civil”

The Civil Division, like many of the other divisions of the Sheriff's Office is always facing challenges and demands. Unlike several of the other divisions, however, the Civil Division has some unique obligations to the Sheriff.

As mandated by the Iowa Code, and the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure, the Civil Division of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the execution of all writs and other legal processes issued to the Sheriff by legal authority.

Deputies working in the Civil Division are commanded by a Captain and supported by one Sergeant on each of two shifts. Civil Deputies are trained extensively in the proper execution and service of processes. The Sheriff's Office is responsible to the courts and acts as an officer of the court for the service of these actions. There is also a very close working relationship with the Black Hawk County Attorney's Office. Deputies serve subpoenas to witnesses summoned for criminal proceedings, as well as helping the Attorney's Office with fine collections. The Civil Division is a statutory responsibility unique to the Sheriffs in the State of Iowa.

Investigations Division



Sexual Offenses, Burglaries and Robberies Increase

2002 demonstrated an increase in nearly all our investigative Uniform Crime Reporting statistics. The most dramatic increase was sexual offenses, which nearly doubled. Burglaries also took a dramatic upswing for the second year in a row.

This continuing trend of increased reports and detection of crime continues to task the Investigations Division. With investigators seeking new technology and resources to aid them in performing their jobs with the utmost efficiency, the division has consistently written grants for funding new and necessary technology.

Over the past three years, the Investigations Division has obtained night vision, thermal imaging, drug detection wipes and anhydrous ammonia tank locks through grant funding or through donation. This is yet another way to continue to hold one of the highest case closure rates in the Midwest, while refraining from increasing budgetary demands.

Tank Lock Program Gains National Attention

Nearly three years ago, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office began raising private funds to secure anhydrous ammonia tank locks for every nurse tank located in Black Hawk County. Two years later, the county's locks were proving their worth. The county averaged 5-15 reported anhydrous thefts each week prior to the implementation of the lock, and since has not seen one theft from a locked tank.

Sheriff's Investigators, however, did not see a dramatic decrease in methamphetamine labs or meth production. Contact was made with Senator Tom Harkin's office and \$200,000 was granted to the State of Iowa to start a similar program for the rest of the state. The Investigations Division was contacted by the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy for assistance in the implementation of the statewide initiative. Working cooperatively with both the ODGP and Senator Harkin's office, the Sheriff's Office has secured another \$300,000 for FY2003 to be put towards the statewide implementation.



Jail Division

If You Build It... They Will Come



The Jail Division is not unlike any of the other divisions of the Sheriff's Office in that they have seen their statistics dramatically increase over the past year as well.

The jail is a 272 bed, direct supervision facility that housed an average of 261 inmates everyday in 2002. This is an average that has continued to increase since the county took possession of the building in 1995. The jail staff also processed 725 more inmates through the jail in 2002. This statistic

dropped slightly last year from 8,217 in 2000, but jail transports continue to increase from 657 in 2000, to 761 in 2001 and this year saw 26 more to total 787 transports of inmates in 2002.

For 5 years now the Black Hawk County Jail has been under the scrutiny of the US Department of Justice for concerns regarding inmate health care and mental health treatments. Much time, money and energy has been expended to ensure that the jail is one of the finest, most reputable and still one of the most efficient jails in the country.

One of these efforts met with the accreditation of the jail through the NCCHC (National Commission on Correctional Health Care), as they first visited the jail a year ago to assess the inmate services provided. The NCCHC assessed facility design, services, food, psychiatric care, and daily security operations. The Black Hawk County Jail received 100% compliance with all assessed areas and was granted full accreditation with the commission. The jail became only the second facility in the State of Iowa to accieve such an accreditation.

Our jail provides G.E.D. (General Education Diploma) programs for sentenced inmates in our custody. Additionally, the jail provides for Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, bible study, church services, and several medical and mental treatment counseling services for incarcerated inmates.

	2001	2002
Average Daily Population	250	261
Jail Bookings	7,439	8,164
Jail Transports	761	787

 -Indicates Increase in 2002

The jail officers continue to focus on professionalism and service as watchwords for their division, and with one of the most advanced jailing facilities in the Midwest, that focus shines through.

Special Services Division

Technology Continues to Improve the Force

Throughout the State of Iowa, law enforcement agencies (large and small) look to Black Hawk County for advice and as an example of how to integrate the latest technology. Most of this technology is employed through the funding of federal and state grants. The focus is to continue to provide cutting edge computer and logistical resources to better aid the officers in the field, as well as the officers in the office.



The Special Services Division is responsible for maintaining one of the area's largest wide-area-networks (WAN), encompassing the Cedar Falls Police Department, Waterloo Police Department, Evansdale Police Department, La Porte City Police Department, the Department of Corrections and the County Attorney's Office. The information shared between these agencies further allows each officer to be better informed and more active in all the incidents around the county. With the volumes of information stored today, the records management system also has to be top of the line.



For the past 19 years, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office has worked with a company that has provided one of the most stable records management software available. In an effort to remain current, and to employ new and added capabilities, the Sheriff's Office volunteered to "test" the software's capabilities to validate the programming as well as to receive the technology at the most inexpensive price possible.

In a very real way, the Sheriff's Office has been seeking and implementing cost savings mechanisms anywhere and everywhere possible, while not infringing on any manner or quality of service to the citizens of Black Hawk County.

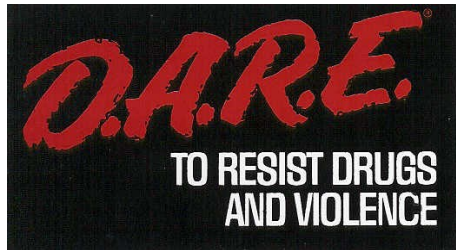
Community Services



Another Year Focused on Service

As is evident by the many logos on the left of this page, Community Services is extremely busy supporting civic groups and organizations, neighborhood watch associations and school classes. It is the focus of Community Services to

focus law enforcement efforts towards community oriented policing. Through education, knowledge, and information we can empower the citizens of Black Hawk County to better protect themselves and further aid us in providing the best, most efficient, and least costly law enforcement solution for the entire county.



The DON'T program is an example of one of these efforts. A deficiency has been noted in the current DARE curriculum, and to meet that deficiency, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office has begun to produce a hybrid curriculum to better and more effectively educate our county's youth about the dangers of drinking, drugs and violence. While our officers continue to teach DARE, the Sheriff's Office feels that the networking and educational opportunities which exist for law enforcement in the county schools should never be underestimated.

As each year passes, the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Explorers Post gains new and stronger membership. This opportunity is a way for young people interested in the possibilities of a career in law enforcement to experience some of the opportunities of this job.



Community Services is yet one more effort that the Sheriff's Office uses to spread the word about current trends in law enforcement, to engage the community's assistance in combating crime, and better serve the citizens with the focus of our motto: "Excellence in Law Enforcement".