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*Black Hawk County
Sheriff's Office*

Annual Report

"Excellence in Law Enforcement"



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BLACK HAWK COUNTY



Dear Citizens and Friends:

As with every year, the past 12 months have been very challenging. I am pleased to report that your Sheriff's Office has met these challenges. As we look forward to the coming years, we are able to gauge our needs based on the information contained in this report. I'm sure you will find it informative.

With each passing year, it seems that I continue to report our agency's resources dwindling and then attempt to illustrate the demands being placed on those resources. The year 2004 was no different. We have had to reduce staff and have worked very hard at reducing expenses. In doing so, however, rest assured that our primary focus and our paramount goal is to provide the best, most professional service possible to the citizens of Black Hawk County.

You will find that we have had a very busy year, and I hope you enjoy the report. Should you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

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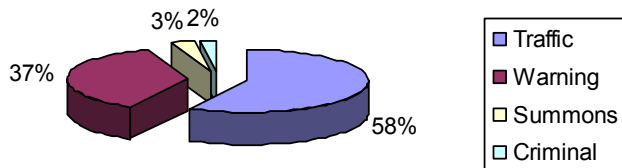


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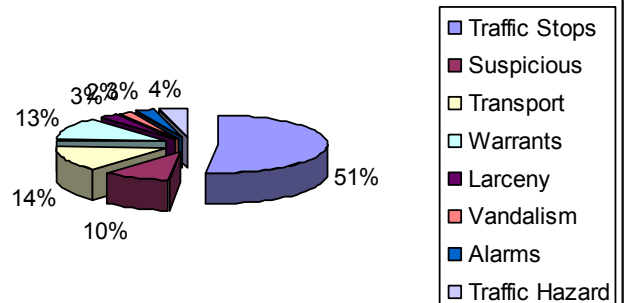
Services	2004	2003
Calls for Service	9,829	9,957
Arrests	2,863	2,991
Accidents (Fatal)	4	5
Accidents (PD)	238	201
Accidents (Injury)	66	46
Citations	2,778	2,993*
Warrant Services	908	787

* Amended report from 2003 Annual Statistics.

Citation Dispositions



Calls for Service by Type



Statistics:

“A” Offenses

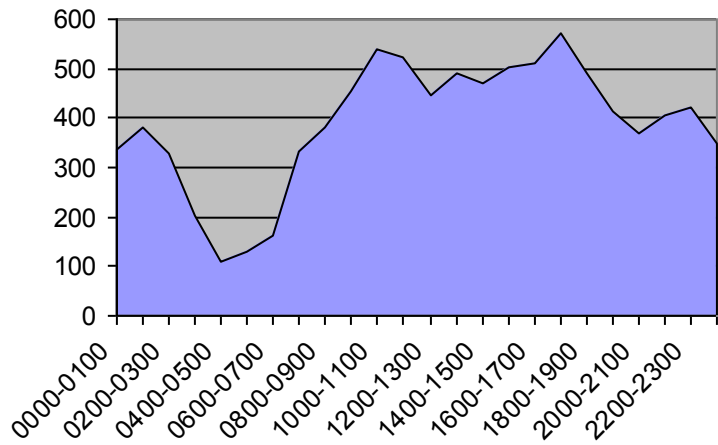
Offense	2004	2003
Arson	2	1
Agg. Assault	14	9
Assault Domestic	23	36
Assault Simple	57	28
Burglary	91	110
Criminal Mischief	62	74
Drug Violations	87	87
Kidnapping	0	1
Robbery	0	1
Murder	1*	0
Sexual Offenses	13	6
Thefts	125	167
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	4	12

“B” Offenses

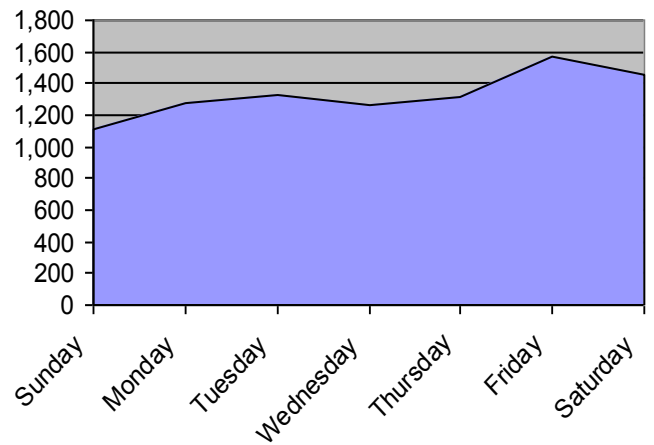
Offense	2004	2003
Liquor Law Violations	36	31
OWI	192	120
Public Intoxication	13	17
Family Offenses	0	1
Runaway	22	29
Suspicion	37	54
Bad Check	1	1
Trespass	8	11
All Other Offenses	427	254

* Buchanan County Murder which was detected from a vehicle pursuit and investigation in Black Hawk County

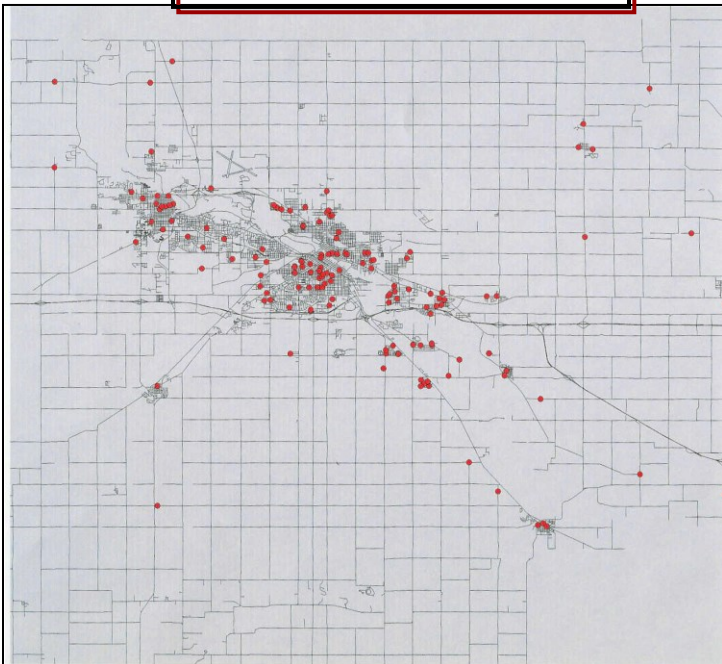
Frequency of Calls by Time of Day



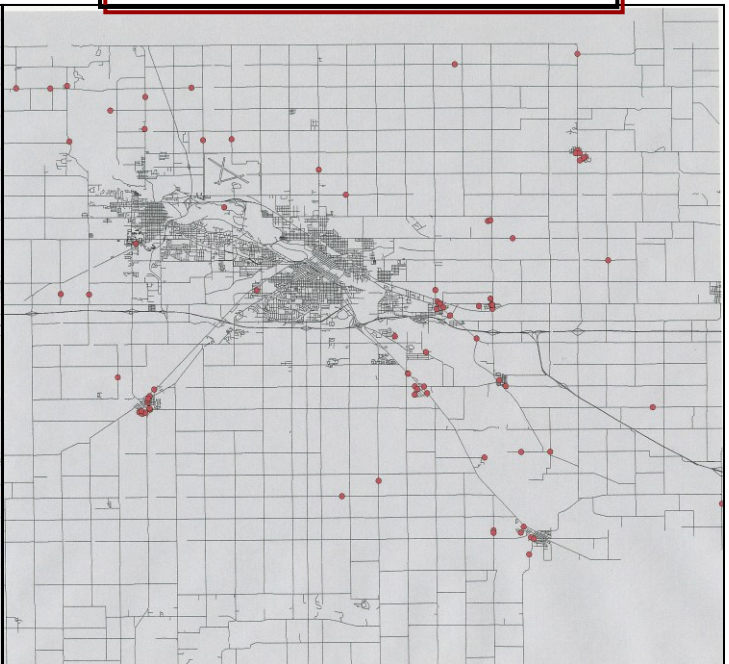
Frequency of Calls by Day of Week



OWI Pinmap 2004



Burglary Pinmap 2004



Administration:

Another Year of Tight Budgets and Funding

This year has been no different than years past when it comes to attempting to manage one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the state of Iowa. We, like most other agencies, continue to maintain equipment, services and staffing with dwindling resources and budgets. 2004 saw yet more staff reductions with two command staff Captains and one Lieutenant's positions not being replaced.

Through creative management decisions and resource reorganization, the Sheriff's Office has also restructured the departments with three Captains overseeing 5 divisions.

The Sheriff's Office has now reached a level of staffing that directly reflects its current budgetary capabilities, while still maintaining compliance with Department of Justice requirements and restrictions. Yet, even with all the reorganizations and budgetary restrictions, our primary focus continues to be quality service to the citizens of Black Hawk County.





Patrol Division:

The Patrol Division continues to positively impact the welfare and safety of the citizens of Black Hawk County, and efforts to curb the costs of doing so continue as well.

Through two Federal Grants offered by the US Department of Justice, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office was able to provide for additional overtime for Homeland Security Enforcement and for replacement of forward deployed Reservists and National Guard members from the Sheriff's Office. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office is working with the Black Hawk County Emergency Management Agency to procure equipment which would otherwise be coming from taxpayer funding. The equipment specifically targets the marked improvement and deploy-ability of the Tactical Response Team.

All this federal funding aids the Sheriff and the Sheriff's Office in offsetting a large cut in funding and reduction in available resources as a result of the budget crisis being felt by all county agencies. The Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office continues to be aggressive in the seeking out and writing of grants to further aid the County Board of Supervisors in keeping taxes low and services high.

This year has witnessed a sharp increase in the number of OWI driver's detected. Additional effort and overtime funding to enforce Iowa's Traffic Laws are attributable for this increase. Unfortunately, motor vehicle accidents and personal injury accidents also increase in 2004.

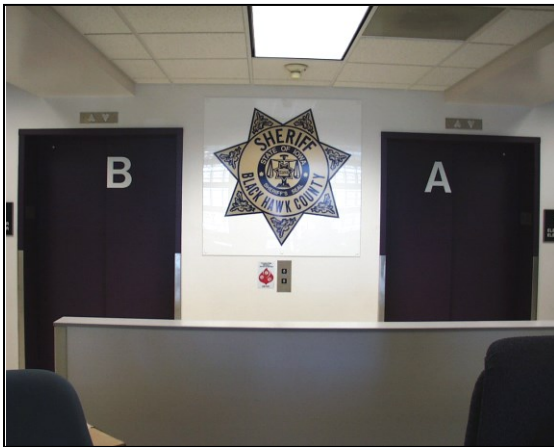
Patrol Statistics	2004	2003
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OWI Arrests	192	120
Thefts	126	167
MVA- Property	238	201
Drug/Narcotics	87	100
MVA- Fatalities	4	5



 - Indicates Increase



Civil Division:

For almost one hundred and fifty years, the Code of Iowa has stated that the first duty of the Sheriff is to serve all writs and other legal processes in support of Iowa Courts. The courts continue to utilize the Sheriff's Office for these processes in ever increasing ways. And the Civil Division continues to face many challenging and changing demands within these procedures.

As well as working closely with the courts, the Civil Division also has a very close working relationship with the Black Hawk County Attorney's Office. Deputies serve subpoenas to witnesses summoned for criminal proceedings and assist with fine collections.

The Civil Division has also been the victim of budgetary cutbacks, moving one of the Civil Deputies back to the Jail Division to provide not only for a balanced budget, but also to help alleviate some of the strain on a division that was suffering from lost staff.

With 7 of our 11 processes seeing increase in service, our division continues to be a strong and responsive "code mandated" arm of the Sheriff's Office.

Services	2004	2003
Executions	3,610	3,585
Real Estate Sales	259	187
Condemnations	2	0
Writ of Attachment	0	4
Abandoned Veh/OWI	0	0
Garnishments	3,446	3,304
260A Levy	11	8
260B Levy	7	10
Cash Register Levy	22	15
Demand	89	114
Security Lien	2	1
Papers Served	15,930	16,959
Unserved	1,965	1,912
Total Processes	17,895	22,647

 - Indicates Increase



Investigations Division:

2004 marks the second year in a row that we have seen a decrease in our UCR (Uniform Crime Report) crime index. This year, burglaries were much lower than in the past couple of years, and yet, investigations continue to be very aggressive on burglaries and thefts in hopes to further eliminate these crimes.

We are quite proud of the reduction in offenses reported in 2004, yet remain vigilant with our investigations to yet further reduce those numbers. Black Hawk County citizens can rest assured that their community (rural or metro) is one of the safest places to live and work in the state of Iowa.

With this as our goal, the investigations division will not rest until a case is solved. The Investigations Division continues to rally behind one of the highest case closure ratings in the entire Midwest.

Two officers assigned to the Investigations Division have been added to a regional Anti-Terrorism Task Force coordinated by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the United States Marshal's Service and the Department of Homeland Defense. For the first time in the history of the Sheriff's Office, our agency has had to recognize the important role that our officer's play in the global responsibility of law enforcement and protection of American citizens. Through these efforts and additional information shared through this task force, Black Hawk County truly remains on the forefront of preventative law enforcement and vigilance in the protection of our citizens.

Offense	2004	2003
Assaults	94	73
Burglary	91	110
Criminal Mischief	62	74
Drug Violation	69	87
Drug Equipment	18	13
Kidnapping	0	1
Robbery	0	1
Sexual Offenses	13	6
Thefts	124	167

 - Indicates Increase



Jail Division:

The Jail boasts a 272 bed direct supervision facility. Administrated in such a way as to further save taxpayer money, up to 50 inmates can be supervised by one officer. The Jail offers many services and programs for the inmate population in hopes that we can reduce repeat offenders to our facility. Programs such as the G.E.D. attainment, bible study, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, church programs, as well as, medical and mental health services are just some the programming that the jail offers to an inmate.

2004 was yet another challenging year with deputies being deployed for National Guard and Reserve obligations overseas, and with the loss of additional key supervisors without replacements being provided. The jail succeeded in securing recertification through the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. This certification examines and assesses the quality of documentation, medical staff, food, psychiatric care and daily security operations of the facility. The Black Hawk County Jail remains only the second jail in the state of Iowa to secure accreditation through NCCHC.

Jail Statistics	2004	2003
Average Daily Population	269.5	262
Jail Bookings	8,720	8,193
Jail Transports	795	902

 - Indicates Increase

Community Services:

The Community Services effort of the Sheriff's Office has impact in many of the divisions and in statistics that have been illustrated throughout this annual report. The focus of Community Services is one of "partnership" with the citizens that we serve.

Providing needed services such as 911 emergency cellular phones or public education about methamphetamine, or child safety education, Community Services provides an effort that hopes to reduce the future demands on the rest of the agency.

One of the most anticipated and most talked about advances for the Sheriff's Office has been the introduction and recent implementation of the new drug education curriculum DON'T (Drugs Offer No Tomorrow). Community school districts that partner with the Sheriff's Office were given the option to move away from the DARE curriculum and field our new program. All agreed to move. The effort has been well documented and intensely monitored, as several other law enforcement agencies have expressed interest in moving to this curriculum as well.



The first class began in Dunkerton, and graduated in January 2004. By all accounts, the first impressions of the program have been very positive.



The Sheriff's Office also looks for other ways to partner with our citizens and for the first time in several years, the Black Hawk County Neighborhood Watch has been on the increase. The County currently has two very strong Neighborhood Watch Associations, and a third has just started in the Sylvan Acres area (Northwestern corner of the county). Two more groups have expressed interest in starting additional groups and the Sheriff's Office stands ready to assist them in helping us to fight rural crimes in our county.