

Crawford County Sheriff's Office

2021

Annual Report



Dale McCullick, Sheriff

With courage, honor, and integrity we protect the rights and dignity of all citizens. In partnership with our communities, we strive to preserve the peace and provide for a safe environment for all.

Courage

With steadfastness and purpose of mind, we accept the responsibility of overcoming adversity to remain effective, efficient, and responsive to the needs of our communities.

Honor

With distinction and pride, we protect the rights of all citizens equally.

Integrity

We are responsible for our conduct, both professionally and personally. We are honest, fair, and strong of character. We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of ethical conduct and endeavor to be role models for others.



Orrin Olson, Chief Deputy

Traffic Updates



Sergeant Philip Baumgartner

Citations Issued

A total of 842 citations were issued and 317 warnings during 2021. Of the 842 citations, 224 were non-traffic related and 618 traffic citation.

Traffic Crashes

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office received calls for traffic crashes, hit & runs, car vs deer and slide offs. Cases are no longer being created for minor car vs deer crashes where no deputy is being dispatched. 166 crashes were reportable to the Department of Transportation with one fatality in 2021 due to a traffic accident.

NIBRS

The FBI required all State and County Law Enforcement Agencies to update the way monthly crime statistics were being reported by January of 2021. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office successfully transitioned from using the Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCR) to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by the deadline provided. NIBRS requires law enforcement to enter incidents by using a designated set of offense codes that agencies are now using nationwide. By using a universal system, the FBI receives accurate statistics regardless of what each individual department is using as statute for a certain crime.

NIBRS gives our office, in addition to the FBI, a more detailed picture of the types of crimes being committed in our area and how often they occur. By accurately reporting these crime statistics our department become eligible for grants and programs such as the Cops Anti-Methamphetamine Program and the COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program.

Deputy Doug Olson



After 37 years of dedicated service to the residents of Crawford County, Deputy Doug Olson took off his duty belt for the last time. Doug knew and served his community well. He began his law enforcement career in 1984 with the Crawford County Sheriff's Patrol. In 1990, he was also hired onto the Ferryville Police Department. Until 1996, he served both the Sheriff's Patrol and the Ferryville Police Department.

On April 3rd of 1996, Deputy Doug was hired as a full-time traffic deputy for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. After 25 years, he retired from the Sheriff's Office on May 13, 2021.

Thank you,
Deputy Doug Olson, for your service.



Traffic Employee Changes



Cody Mullikin

After Deputy Doug Olson's retirement, late shift Deputy Cody Mullikin requested and was granted the move to the newly opened day shift position. Cody's late shift position was filled by part-time & full-time deputies until a new deputy was able to be hired.

On September 1, 2021, Alexander Udelhoven started as the new full-time late shift deputy. Alex was initially hired part-time in September of 2018. He worked in the jail and Emergency Management while continuing classes at Fennimore Technical College to obtain his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.

Once graduated in May of 2021, Alex worked as a part-time traffic deputy until hired on full-time.

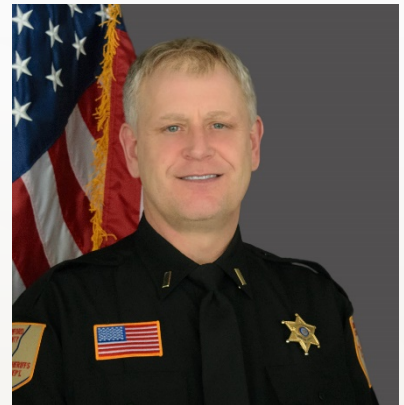


Alexander Udelhoven

Investigations

Property Crimes

A large amount of a County Investigator's time is focused on investigating a wide range of property crimes including burglary, larceny, theft, motor vehicle theft, identity theft, shoplifting and arson. The main objective of the investigator is to determine the identity of the offender and as a result of a thorough investigation, provide a solid case to the District Attorney's Office for Prosecution.



Lt. Wade Hutchison



Lt. Ryan Fradette

Sensitive Crimes

The Sensitive Crimes Unit investigates sexual assaults, physical & sexual child abuse, internet crimes against children and elderly abuse. The circumstances of these investigations are particularly difficult on the victims, the victim's families & friends, and the investigators.

Narcotics

In 2021, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office conducted many narcotic related investigations involving various types of illegal narcotic use and distribution, including Methamphetamine, Heroin, Cocaine, Marijuana, and prescription medication abuse. As a result of these investigations, arrests were made and/or citation(s) were issued. Deputy Joe Breeser & his K-9 partner "Breck" have developed greatly as a team and have proven themselves to be an invaluable asset to our continued battle against the illegal use and distribution of narcotics throughout our county. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office continues to fight the war on illegal narcotics within our county and strives to keep our communities safe.

Death Investigations

County Investigators are routinely required to respond to & perform death investigations. The investigation involves the process of determining the identification, cause and the manner of death of the victim. There were a total of 23 death investigations in 2021.

Crawford County K-9 Unit

K9 Breck and Deputy Breeser logged 195.54 training hours in 2021.

K9 Unit directly or attributed to the seizure of:

- (66.09) ounces or (1883.8) grams of methamphetamine.
- (4.4) ounces or (127) grams of marijuana.
- \$18,660
- Directly seized (5.65) pounds of methamphetamine

K-9 Unit attributed to the following charges:

- Possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine: (4)
- Possession of methamphetamine: (3)
- Possession of marijuana: (9)
- OWI-with Restricted Controlled Substance: (9)

Several other pending charges and active cases.

K9 Breck was used in the following:

- (37) Vehicle narcotic detection sniffs.
- Assisted La Crosse County Sheriff's Department & Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigations with residence search warrant.
- Assisted with K9 sniffs at the Wauzeka, Utica and Richland Center Schools.
- Assisted Prairie du Chien Police Department with vehicle sniffs.
- Assisted with K-9 sniffs at the Prairie du Chien & Boscobel Correctional facilities and the Crawford County Jail.
- Conducted a traffic stop and drug seizure. Led to charges in federal court for bail jumping.

On March 3, 2021, the Crawford County K9 Unit was independently certified through Midwest Canine Detection & Consulting. This was a single blind certification held in the City of Boscobel, WI.



Deputy K9 Breck

NOTABLES

- Two subjects were indicted in the Western District of Wisconsin on November 17, 2021. They are awaiting Federal sentencing for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine stemming from an April 2021 arrest. The case resulted in the seizure of \$17,200 & (3.05) pounds of methamphetamine after receiving positive alerts from K9 Breck.
- K9 Unit assisted Lt. Fradette with the search of a Wauzeka residence which led to the seizure of numerous "one-pot" methamphetamine laboratories, (212.7) grams of crystal methamphetamine, (0.6) grams of crack cocaine, (67) grams of psilocybin mushrooms, & over (200) grams of marijuana. The unit compiled search warrants from the case which led to further charges on (4) other individuals in purchasing pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine.
- In 2021, the K9 Unit compiled 46 search warrants. Several of the warrants were used to assist cases in other counties in Southwest Wisconsin & utilized by the MEG Unit, Richland-Iowa-Grant Drug Task Force & Monroe County Sheriff's Department in identifying & issuing a search warrant of a residence in Monroe County. (2) pounds of methamphetamine, an unknown amount of heroin, & roughly (15) firearms were recovered in the search. Two search warrants were used by Clayton County, Iowa, in their federal case involving a supplier of methamphetamine in (3) different states including Crawford County. Other search warrants were used by Sauk County to apply & execute on a residence in their county. The residence belonged to an individual selling heroin & methamphetamine to people in Crawford County.

This warrant led to the following charges:

- Knowingly Possess Methamphetamine Waste
- Maintain Drug Trafficking Place
- Possess Drug Paraphernalia to MFG/Store Methamphetamine
- Possess Methamphetamine Precursors
- As well as several DNR violations & Public Health doing an abatement
- The K9 Unit & Lt. Fradette worked directly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation(FBI), Drug Enforcement Agency(DEA), Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigations(DCI), Richland-Iowa-Grant Task Force, and the United States Attorney's Office in the Western District of Wisconsin in identifying numerous methamphetamine dealers, clients, and the source state(s) in which the drugs are being transported to Wisconsin from.

Special Operations

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)

Deputy Joseph Breeser is Crawford County's certified Drug Recognition Expert. In 2021, he attended the official DRE graduation at the Wisconsin Safety Conference in February of 2021. Awards were received for Valedictorian of the spring 2020 DRE School, DRE Outstanding Performance and Top 10 DRE in the State of Wisconsin for 2020.

A recertification course in the City of La Crosse was completed in 2021. The course consisted of schooling, multiple knowledge exams, and live evaluations of drug impaired persons.

Deputy Breeser continues to be one of the top DRE's in the state as far as number of evaluations. Fourteen enforcement drug impaired driving evaluations were conducted throughout 2021.



Crawford Emergency Response Team

The Crawford Emergency Response Team (CERT), formerly Tri-Rivers Special Operations Team, is a designated unit of law enforcement officers specifically trained & equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve high-risk situations & execute search warrants. Training sessions are coordinated to prepare members for various high-risk situations.

The Crawford County Domestic Violence Response Team and The Crawford County Sexual Assault Response Team (CCSART)

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Crawford County Domestic Violence Response Team and the Crawford County Sexual Assault Response Team (CCSART) is to promote a systemic response that holds domestic violence and sexual assault offenders accountable. The teams provide a community-oriented approach in helping support the needs of domestic violence and sexual assault survivors. This will be done through the collaborative and coordinated multidisciplinary response of the agencies and organizations that work with survivors in Crawford County. The team will work together to ensure a compassionate, victim-centered response to victims / survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

VISION STATEMENT

The Crawford County Domestic Violence and the Sexual Assault Response Teams are comprised of personnel from agencies and organizations within the county as well as the surrounding area that work with victims / survivors of either domestic violence or sexual assault. The members of this team will work in correlation to achieve the following:

- Protocol to provide seamless victim-centered and offender focused responses to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault as they interact with the criminal justice system
- Educate the community to raise awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault, decreases victim blaming, and increases offender accountability
- Seek feedback from victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to expand understanding of the dynamics, improve criminal justice response, and assess the effectiveness of the team
- Build relationships with individual responders to domestic violence and sexual assault that increase opportunities for resolution in the event of a challenge or miscommunication among members of the team
- Identify valuable community resources and avoid duplication of services
- Share information, knowledge, and expertise among team members
- Perform case reviews to enhance and improve victim-centered responses and offender accountability

Village of Wauzeka



Deputy Cody Mullikin

With a total budget of \$4500 for the year, approximately \$3,325 was used for law enforcement patrol throughout 2021. Deputy Mullikin focuses on the Village of Wauzeka's needs, as well as the financial impact. As a result, he strives to keep under budget each year. Generally, Deputy Mullikin works 3 hours per week to address and tend to village ordinance issues, extra traffic enforcement, and addressing any public issues or safety concerns that may arise. The Village/Township of Wauzeka had 158 cases in 2021. Wauzeka area had a total of 582 calls for service into the Crawford County Communications Center.

2021 Reports Made to the Communication Center within the Village of Wauzeka

911 Hang Ups or Calls:	37	Traffic Accidents:	16
Animal Complaints:	38	Assist Citizens:	63
Suspicious Activities:	26	Disorderly Conducts:	22
Civil Matters:	13	Welfare Checks:	25
Traffic Stops:	51		

NOTABLES

July 24th-A vehicle was stolen from a Wauzeka residence. It was later located & recovered in another state. The suspect also left a stolen vehicle in Wauzeka which was recovered at the same time. The suspect was located & charged with the theft.

August 25th-A residence near the school was called in due to a fire, during the investigation several drugs & narcotic equipment was recovered, resulting in multiple drug related felony charges. The suspect was convicted & sent to prison.

Six cases of sexual assault involving minors were investigated within the Village resulting in the convictions of 2 adult suspects. At times, these cases do require the assistance of SRO Deputy Liz Volten.

Deputy Mullikin coordinated with Animal Control, Crisse Reynolds, to conduct a feral cat round up in order to help reduce the population of cats in problem areas.

Deputy Mullikin is working with DOT & School Officials to get flashing crosswalk signs installed in the area in front of the school at Main Street & Station Street. This has been ongoing & looks to be completed in 2023 when STH 60 undergoes construction.

Village of Wauzeka	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cases	152	154	168	158
Calls for Service	776	709	600	582

Village of Soldiers Grove



Deputy Tony Berg

In 2021, the Village of Soldiers Grove teamed up with the Sheriff's Office and implemented a Village Liaison Deputy. Deputy Anthony Berg, in addition to his full-time responsibilities as a traffic Deputy, handles municipal ordinance violations for the Village of Soldiers Grove and all other problems the Village may report. The Village of Soldiers Grove had an estimated 1038 calls for service called into the Crawford County Communications Center in 2021. Of those calls, the Sheriff's Office pulled an estimated 282 cases.

2021 Reports Made to the Communication Center within the Village of Soldiers Grove

Traffic Collisions:	48	Animal Complaints:	34
Assist Citizen or Motorist:	130	Assist Other Agency:	24
Breaking & Entering:	3	Business Checks:	45
Vehicle Pursuit:	1	Child Abuse:	2
Civil Matter:	12	Death Investigations:	2
Criminal Damage to Property:	15	Disorderly Conduct/Disturbance:	32
Traffic Complaints:	38	Traffic Stops:	156

Deputy Berg is allotted up to 10 hours a week in the Village of Soldiers Grove on a random basis. This allows for different types of Law Enforcement investigations to take place specific to the needs of the Village.

In the year 2021, Deputy Berg, under Village hours specifically, handled loitering complaints in the park, numerous unregistered vehicle ordinance violations, camping/camper violations, and squatting/homelessness complaints.

In addition to the above ordinance violations, and again while under Village paid hours, Deputy Berg pro-actively self-initiated the following arrests:

2021 Village of Soldiers Grove Patrol Arrests

Operating a Motor Vehicle w/ a Restricted Controlled Substance:	4	Operating after Revocation:	1
Possession of Methamphetamine:	1	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia:	4
Felony Bail Jumping:	2	Warrant Arrests:	4

Schools & Children

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

Deputy Liz Volten is in her third year as an ICAC Investigator. "Cyber-tips" are received from internet companies such as Facebook, Snapchat, and Discord that involve incidents of child pornography or some form of child sexual exploitation in Crawford County. This year, Deputy Volten participated in a week-long training in Appleton on undercover work involving child exploitation. Deputy Volten learned about the internet sites sexual predators are using to solicit sex from children. She also learned how to successfully work undercover and make a case against these sexual predators with the goal of an arrest and conviction.

ALERT-LOCKDOWN-INFORM-COUNTER-EVACUATE (ALICE)

ALICE is designed to help prepare individuals for an active shooter event. The training is provided by our certified ALICE Training Instructor to area school district staff, local government agencies, businesses, etc....

Our Mission: To Improve Chances of Survival

The threat of an active shooter attack is rare, but very real. We aim to eradicate the "It can't happen to me" mentality and change the way people respond to armed intruders. At the ALICE Training, we believe that individuals should be prepared for active shooter events and empowered to make their own life-saving decisions. Once this is accomplished, individuals must be trained in proactive active shooter response options, rather than a passive, mandated, one-size-fits-all response. We want all Americans to have the knowledge and skills to survive when shots are fired. We can achieve this by training as many people as possible and implementing training in drill form across all organizations. We have seen the successful results of fire drills. It's now time to start anticipating man-made disasters.

School Resource Officer

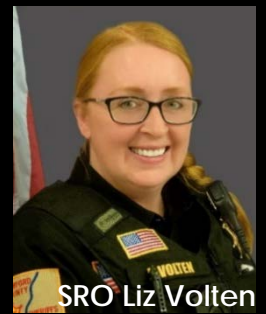
Deputy Volten alternates her time between Wauzeka-Steuben, Seneca and North Crawford school districts. In 2021 all three schools went back to face-to-face instruction. Liz missed interacting with the students & she noticed the kids missed being at school with their friends as well. The first half of the year, North Crawford had mandatory masking, Seneca was masking depending on COVID infection counts in school, and Wauzeka was not masking at all. By second semester, all three schools made masking optional.

After a year of virtual learning, it became apparent how much the children

benefit from in person classes. Also, how much the schools do for children and families. Especially the high-risk families. In 2020, the truancy officer position was vacant, and Liz was handling truancy in all three schools. This school year Crawford County decided not to fill the truancy officer and the program was defunded. Due to the need for a truancy officer, SRO Volten continued to fill the need and participated in truancy meetings for the schools. It has worked well because she has not only knowledge of the laws and potential consequences but is also familiar with the students and their individual situations. This allows SRO Volten to be able to troubleshoot with schools and families on realistic solutions to the truancy concern.

Now that classes have been back to in person session, Liz has also been able to partner with Crawford County Canine Officer, Joe Breeser, and Prairie du Chien Canine, Lt. Casey Cox, to perform sniffs in schools and parking lots. It has proved to be a good educational opportunity for the students when it comes to who and what they allow to go on in their vehicles. If tobacco, drugs, and/or alcohol are found in a student's vehicle or on the student's person/property; Liz works with the school on an appropriate consequence for the student. Some of the schools have drug and alcohol programs that students have to participate in if they are caught with contraband on school property. If they are an athlete, they are also given consequences in that area as well.

SRO Volten also gets the opportunity to teach middle school guidance on occasion. The conversations with students range from drugs, sexting, human trafficking, bullying, and racism. She enjoys these classes because she gets to learn from the students as much as the students learn from her. It's a judgment free class to ask the honest questions students may not get the opportunity otherwise to ask. The things they learn in this class will help them throughout their time in school and in their future endeavors.



SRO Liz Volten

Jail Updates



Lt. Russell Wittrig

Emergency Mental Health Services

Northwest Connections is a collaborative effort between emergency on-call mental health workers, law enforcement personnel, county personnel and community providers to coordinate an immediate response to assist a person experiencing a mental health crisis.

Northwest Connections makes the decision if an individual should be transported to a mental health facility.

Inmate Meals

Summit Food Service provides the inmate meals at \$2.07 per meal. A daily meal plan consists of a hot breakfast, sack lunch, and a hot supper. A contracted driver, Mike Atkinson, picks up the meals from the Grant County Jail and delivers to our jail each day.

In 2021, \$40,908 was spent for 19,714 meals.

Huber Law Account	2019	2020	2021
Huber Fees	\$29,088	\$8,056	\$41
Prescriptions	\$52	\$163	\$4
Inmate Supplies	\$2,694	\$1,361	\$1,792
Medical Supplies	\$1,444	\$1,199	\$1,414

Jail Employee Changes



Farshaun Ardestani

In May of 2021, Farshaun Ardestani resigned from the Crawford County Jail. This left open a male late shift position. Jose Miranda was hired to fill this shift and began working full-time as a Crawford County jailer on June 25th.

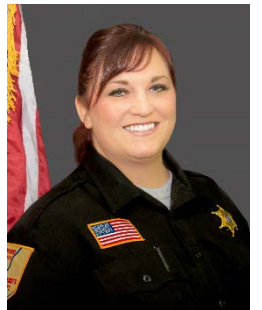


Jose Miranda

In June of 2021, after 22 years of service with Crawford County, Alisha Merwin also resigned. Late shift jailer, Alex Udelhofen requested and granted the move to the open day shift position. She agreed to continue working her late shift for a few weeks in order to fully train newly hired Jose. Deputy Liz Volten was temporarily moved to cover Alisha's empty day shift while Alex was training.



Alisha Merwin



Alex Udelhofen



Liz Volten

Liz then covered the open late shifts until a female jailer was hired.

On August 11th, Elizabeth Schneider began working as the new late shift jailer and Liz moved back into her regular duties.



Elizabeth Schneider

Inmates Booked in the Crawford County Jail in 2021

Total Inmates: 389

Adult Males:	289	17-year-old Males:	1
Adult Females:	99	17-year-old Females:	0

Jail Programs

Extended Supervision Sanctions (ES Sanctions)

Probation and Parole can place a hold on an inmate, or the inmate is housed under Extended Supervision which gives them a last chance before they are sent back to prison. The county receives \$51.46 per day per inmate on these holds.

In 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ES Sanction holds were lower due to an effort to reduce contamination. In 2021, \$33,695.82 in total revenue was generated from ES Sanctions and the COVID-19 CARES ACT.

COVID-19 CARES ACT

Because State Prisons were not accepting new inmates in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Wisconsin paid us a total of \$3036.14 through the COVID-19 CARES Act. The Crawford County Jail housed inmates that were sentenced until they were able to be transferred to a prison facility. Each payment was calculated from the time of sentencing until being transferred. The inmates stayed anywhere from 3-6+ weeks in the Crawford County Jail awaiting transfer.

Advanced Correctional Healthcare

The Advanced Correctional Healthcare (ACH) provides correctional healthcare services to inmates 10 hours per week. An ACH nurse does an assessment of new inmates within the first 14 days they are in jail, as required by state statute, fills medication boxes and responds to inmate medical requests. A Physician's Assistant, who is also employed by ACH, oversees the regular nurse visits every 2 weeks to review charts and see inmates. She is also contacted when new inmates are booked in with medications or medical conditions.

Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP)

Inmates who qualify and approved to take advantage of the Electronic Monitoring Program can serve their time at home and continue to work. If an individual on the EMP program goes any farther away than out their front door, the monitoring company gets a response and notifies the Sheriff's Office.

The EMP program is a benefit to the county due to:

- Not incurring medical cost of inmates had they remained incarcerated within the jail
- Helping to control inmate population
- Keeping operating costs at a minimum
- Keeping traffic flow in and out of the jail at a minimum to lessen the spread of Covid-19
- Protect the public and ensure the safety and well being of the inmates as well as Crawford County staff against Covid-19

Details of EMP:

- Any inmate released on EMP pays all costs associated with the program one week in advance
- The inmates must have full-time employment and a verifiable residence
- Sheriff's Office staff always knows the location of every inmate
- The inmates may not leave their residence, other than work, without pre-approval of jail staff
- The inmates are required to provide a sample of their breath or urine at the request of law enforcement. If either one of these tests are positive for illegal drugs and/or intoxicants, the inmate is to provide a sample of their blood for testing.

The EMP program has been a success. Inmates posing the least amount of threat to the general public are placed on EMP. Each inmate was responsible for paying the full cost of the monitoring program one month in advance.

Emergency Management

Emergencies & Disasters

All required UDSR and Wisconsin disaster fund documentation was submitted. This resulted in a successful Wisconsin Disaster Fund Grant Claim of \$34,801.56.

These funds will reimburse:

- Debris removable: \$381.31
- Protective services: \$17,465.91
- Volunteer labor & equipment: \$85.64
- Road Systems: \$16,954.96

This grant was obtained due to the partnership between the Crawford County Sheriff's Office & the Crawford County Highway Department.

Drone Program

The drone was utilized in missing person searches and during crime scenes and investigations.

ERP

The Crawford County Emergency Response Plan includes:

- Transportation
- Communications
- Public Works & Engineering
- Firefighting
- Emergency Management
- Human Services
- Resource Support
- Public Health
- Urban Search & Rescue
- Hazmat
- Agriculture
- Energy
- Public Safety
- Long Term Recovery
- External Affairs
- Phone Lists
- Mass Fatalities

All plans were updated and approved.

Policies

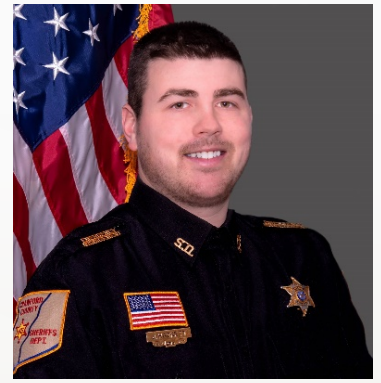
Emergency Management & The Sheriff's Office policies & procedures were updated on a regular basis using the Lexipol system.

ESF

All 14 Emergency Support Functions (ESF) were updated and approved.

Drug Takeback

Crawford County Emergency Management assisted the Crawford County Sheriff's Office prescription drug takeback program.



James Hackett, Director

Local Initiatives

- Completed 3 severe weather awareness campaigns; statewide tornado drill, weather spotter training and a public service announcement for winter weather.
- Printed EPCRA media blast, EPCRA radio interview, and handouts for chemical sprays.
- Weather spotter training in Crawford County was held virtually.
- Daylight savings/smoke detector outreach media
- Public gathering to discuss storms in Crawford County with Tammy Baldwin
- Weather Trivia on social media via the Emergency Management Facebook page
- Ready Wisconsin Press Releases

LEPC & EPCRA

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met quarterly & discussed issues in the county that had to do with emergency planning. The meetings were posted publicly & are open to the public. The Off-Site Plans for Cabela's, Walmart, CenturyLink, and 3M were updated with any revisions, signed by each entity, and brought to the LEPC meeting for approval. The Strategic Plan was also updated and approved by LEPC, and an updated members list was approved and sent into the State of Wisconsin Emergency Management.

Outreach

Emergency Management regularly attended Crawford County Fire Officer Association, WI MABAS, Crawford County EMS Association, Prairie du Chien Area Chamber of Commerce, PDCI Law Enforcement Relations, PDCI Community Outreach, and Crawford County Highway Safety meetings.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The funding provided under ARPA provides a unique opportunity for state and local governments to make strategic investments in long-lived assets, rebuild reserves to enhance financial stability, and cover temporary operating shortfalls until economic conditions and operations normalize.

Director James Hackett was appointed as the sub-committee chairman that oversaw projects that qualified for ARPA county funds.

COVID 19 Response

Emergency Management worked alongside the Crawford County Public Health Department to battle the pandemic. We aided Public Health in planning for testing, vaccines, and supply distribution throughout the county. Emergency Management attended multiple local government, state government, and federal government meetings daily.

The Incident Command Structure was continued with Director James Hackett as the county's Incident Commander and Deputy Marc Myhre as the Public Information Officer (PIO). The PIO kept the general public informed through social media and by corresponding with news outlets via email, and radio interviews.

Trainings & Exercises

Training:

- Meth Lab awareness
- Introduction to hazardous materials
- Introduction to retrofitting flood-prone residential buildings
- Benefit & cost analysis-entry level

These trainings were brought to Crawford County & also completed by Emergency Management as a student.

Exercises:

- SEOC web-based drill
- Patriot 21-HERC region 4 full scale exercise in Prairie du Chien
- Safer 2 Workshop
- Tabletop fire/chemical release; planned & conducted by Emergency Management with local Tier II factory, Cabela's
- Full scale active shooter, "Courthouse Chaos", planned by Emergency Management

The Crawford County Emergency Management Director, Jim Hackett, is also the Sheriff's Office training officer. Jim oversees that all training is completed to all state & federal standards.

Grant Writing

Crawford County Emergency Management oversees grant writing for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The EM office finds, writes, and obtains all Sheriff's Office grants including equipment, overtime, full-time positions, and programs. Crawford County Emergency Management brought in a total of \$816,520 to the Sheriff's Office (see next page for full breakdown). Emergency Management also assisted Crawford County Fire Officer's Association with obtaining grants to support the Grain Bin Rescue Team/equipment.

Emergency Management Specialist



In 2020, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office obtained a COPS grant to hire (1) new employee that would focus on aspects of community policing & Sheriff's Office functions. The grant allowed the position of Emergency Management Specialist to be created. Funded through the EMPG-Supplemental & FEMA grant, this position was temporarily created in 2020 to help with the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. After showing the importance of the position, the Crawford County Sheriff & the Board of Supervisors agreed to use the COPS grant to fund and make it a permanent position. Marc Myhre, who also filled the temporary position before the full-time position was created, was selected through an

interview process as the best candidate. Marc has been with the department since 2012 & is trained in dispatch, bailiff, tactical operations team, traffic, emergency management, and jail. Marc is a certified drone pilot & brings expanded experience to the department. He has a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice obtained from UW-Platteville. Marc oversees EPCRA plans & assists with all Emergency Management activities.

2021 Grant Dollars

Total amount rewarded: \$816,520

Coronavirus Emergency Supplement Funds

\$19,955

Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funds- County Criminal Justice Agencies

\$150,000

ARPA Salaries

\$219,080 (no match)

Wisconsin Disaster Fund Grant

\$34,802 (25% match)

EMPG Grant

To support the functions of Crawford County Emergency Management.

EMPG Grant: \$55,423 (50/50 match)

EMPG-S Grant: \$12,799 (50/50 match)

EPCRA Grant

To support the functions of Crawford County Emergency Management and the Emergency Planning Right to Know Act. \$14,034 (50% match)

Bullet Proof Vest Partnership

\$8,640 (50/50 match)

HAZMAT Equipment Grant

\$10,030 (25% match)

Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant

\$59,988

Body Cam Grant

\$33,163

BNSF Body Cam Grant

\$10,000

Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response

\$50,000

Combatting Violent Crimes in Rural Areas

\$76,112

Seatbelt Enforcement Grant

\$62,495

CAMP Grant

The Cops Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP) provides reimbursement for personnel overtime associated with the investigation of illicit activities related to the manufacture & distribution of methamphetamine. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office has executed search warrants and investigates leads that are received. Grant dollars are received for the extra hours deputies and investigators work on these cases.

AHTF Grant

The COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program (AHTF) is designed to advance public safety by providing funds to law enforcement agencies to fight the battle against heroin and other opioids. This AHTF funding must be used for investigative purposes to locate or investigate, through statewide collaboration, illicit activities, including activities related to the distribution of heroin or unlawful distribution of prescriptive opioids and unlawful diversion and distribution of prescriptive opioids.

*Grants requiring a local match or "soft" match was covered by hours worked at regular time by traffic deputies, dispatch, and Emergency Management during the grant deployment time. Using a soft match made it so the full above amount did not create any extra costs for the recipients.

Civil Process, Social Media & Policies

Moratorium

Foreclosures:

The federal foreclosure moratorium, which suspended foreclosures on homes, expired on July 31, 2021, and the forbearance enrollment window on September 30, 2021. However, many lenders worked with their borrowers to avoid foreclosures by moving past due amounts to the end of the loan period. Additionally, Wisconsin Governor Evers, through the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, announced several homeowner-relief programs to provide help to those experiencing a financial hardship due to the pandemic.

Evictions:

From September 4, 2020, through August 26, 2021, there was a federal moratorium on residential evictions due to failure to pay rent because of the impacts COVID-19 had on tenants who met certain criteria. Since the moratorium ended on August 26, 2021, landlords were once again able to file evictions for past due, late fees, and non-payment of rent.

Crawford County Sheriff's Office Website

We received a total of 38,973 visitors to our website in 2021. That is around 107 people visiting daily and over 3,200 people monthly.

You can visit our site at:

www.crawfordcountysheriffwi.org

Facebook

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office Facebook page continues to flourish with activity. The community has become more interactive with posts in a positive and helpful way. Facebook is utilized by Animal Control, Crime Stoppers, Emergency Management & the Sheriff's Office. From lost & found animals, severe weather announcements to job openings within the department, Facebook has been proven to be an asset.

Lexipol

Lexipol is a web-based, user-friendly system which offers state-specific policy manuals. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office can review each policy and form it to fit our department. Lexipol manages and alerts us to any changes that need to be made. Employees are required to read the policy, which is time & date stamped upon completion. Deputies also have access to those manuals at any time.

Sheriff Sales

Sheriff sales are conducted on Thursdays at 9:30 am. The sales are commenced on the West Steps of the Court House.

All sales can be viewed on the Crawford County Sheriff's Office website. Posting and selling the property brought a revenue of \$2,321 in 2021.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Judgments	\$2,663	\$4,652	\$3,120	\$1,549
Paper Service	\$11,460	\$15,060	\$10,365	\$12,555

Judgments

Writ of Attachment, Eviction, Restitution or Replevin and Executions Against Property are court ordered judgments. The Sheriff's Office is required by Statute to enforce the Order imposed by the Judge.

There were a total of 13 Executions in 2021:

- (3) Executions Against Property
- (1) Writ of Assistance
- (9) Writ of Evictions
- (0) Writ of Replevins

Satisfied Executions: 11

Unsatisfied Executions: 1

Partially Satisfied Executions: 1

Sheriff's Office Employees of 2021

Administration & Support

Dale McCullick, Sheriff

Orrin "Butch" Olson, Chief Deputy

Wade Hutchison, Lieutenant - 14 yrs.
Ryan Fradette, Lieutenant - 17 yrs.

Russell Wittrig, Lieutenant - 19 yrs.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts, Administrative Assistant - 42 yrs.
Corrie Lawrence Valley, Administrative Clerk - 9 yrs.

Resigned & Retired

RESIGNED

Farshaun Ardestani-3 yrs. Alisha Merwin-22 yrs.

RETIRED

Doug Olson-25 yrs.

Emergency Management

Jim Hackett, Director - 6 yrs.
Marc Myhre, Specialist - 7 yrs.

School Resource Officer

Elizabeth Volten - 3 yrs.

Traffic Deputies

Sgt. Phil Baumgartner-16 yrs.

Justin Fortney - 22 yrs.
Shawn Lenzendorf - 9 yrs.
Cody Mullikin - 8 yrs.
Joe Breeser - 9 yrs.

Kyle Mezera - 8 yrs.
Tony Berg - 3 yrs.
Marcus Ploessl - 3 yrs.
Alexander Udelhoven

Bailiffs

James Rider
Lt. Russell Wittrig
Lt. Wade Hutchison

Jailers

Scott Hurda - 21 yrs.
Jessica LaMere - 17 yrs.
Kelly Cornell - 14 yrs.
Elizabeth Schneider

Nathan Bremmer - 12 yrs.
Alexandria Udelhofen - 6 yrs.
Elizabeth Lahaie - 3 yrs.
Jose Miranda

Dispatchers

Lisa Beesecker - 20 yrs.
Sandy Klema - 8 yrs.
Angie Martin - 5 yrs.

Karl Sander - 9 yrs.
Michelle Routt
Emily Pedley Fecht

Animal Control Officer

Christine (Crisse) Reynolds - 6 yrs.
Brian Reynolds (PT) Christopher Reynolds (PT)

Part Time Jailers, Dispatchers & Traffic Deputies

Erin Kinley
Elle Kinnison

Jerry Barrette
Tabatha Bohland

Sarah Anderson
Kurt Wallin