

Sauk County, Wisconsin  
**Sauk County Sheriff's Office Annual Report**

**2014 Mission:** To protect and serve the citizens and visitors of Sauk County with professional, responsible, and timely law enforcement through the combined efforts of Patrol, Investigative, Administration, Clerical and Security personnel.

**Departmental Program Summary:**

The Sauk County Sheriff's Office programs consist of the following primary statutory duties and services:

- Courtroom Security
- Patrol activities for crime detection and prevention
- Response to citizen calls for assistance and complaint/conflict resolution
- Traffic Enforcement
- Accident crash investigations
- Criminal investigations
- Record and serve arrest warrants
- Record and serve civil process papers
- Maintain a County Jail & Huber facility
- Maintain a telecommunication terminal for law enforcement, police, and fire used in Sauk County (with the exception of Wisconsin Dells and Reedsburg)
- Provide water safety patrol and rescue services

In order to provide the statutory services required, the Sauk County Sheriff's commands and oversees a law enforcement agency consisting of 143 full time positions and 18 part-time personnel. The duties and services are assigned to one of the following three divisions and are supervised by a Chief Deputy, a Captain and 3 Lieutenants.

- Administrative Division
- Security Division
- Field Services Division

<b>2014 GOALS REVIEW</b>		
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>
Combat increasing drug sales within the County	Additional officer for drug interdictions.	Ongoing
Maintain highway safety grants.	Minimize the fatalities and reduce traffic crashes	Ongoing
Reduce violent crimes and property crimes	Continue to implement crime prevention programs through the	Ongoing

<b>2014 GOALS REVIEW</b>		
	County. Concentrated patrol and enforcement efforts such as Drug Interdiction activities.	
Build partnerships and relationships with the youth of Sauk County	Implement a police explorer post within Sauk County.	Ongoing
Continue to use innovative measures to increase inmate programming	With our new monitoring software we could look for independent study-type programming that inmates could participate in via the internet. This may reduce programming costs while allowing us to monitor them to reduce security concerns.	Ongoing

**Field Services:**

The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office Field Services Division consists of 1 Lieutenant, 3 Sergeants and 24 patrol deputies to cover three shifts. Each deputy is on a 4-2 schedule meaning they work four days and have two off. Each shift is 8 ½ hours long. The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office also has 1 Detective Lieutenant and 8 Detectives. The Detectives generally handle complaints that require more investigation than a patrol officer can complete during a normal shift. Detectives investigate all types of complaints and can spend anywhere from ½ an hour to 40+ hours on an investigation depending on what the complaint is about. They may have to travel outside of the County to conduct interviews and follow up on leads. Our Detectives attend conferences throughout the year to keep up to date on their training. Some of our detectives have special duties assigned to them. We have two detectives that are responsible for our Evidence Room and one detective that is our primary civil process server.

We provide coverage to the County 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Baraboo, Lake Delton, Reedsburg and Sauk Prairie Police all provide 24/7 coverage in their respective jurisdictions. Village of Spring Green and Village of Plain provide intermittent coverage in their jurisdictions. The Township of LaValle has several part-time officers who provide intermittent coverage to the area of the Township as well as boat patrol on Lake Redstone. There are 22 townships, 13 villages and 2 cities in Sauk County. We also provide coverage to a few residences in Cazenovia and Wisconsin Dells but the majority of these areas lie in other counties. Sauk County is approximately 840 square miles with an estimated population in 2012 of 61,994.

Deputies are responsible for enforcing federal, state and local laws. They respond and investigate various complaints to include motor vehicle accidents, domestic violence, burglary, theft, robbery, criminal damage, sexual assault, juvenile neglect and abuse, juvenile runaways, other assaults, fire, burglar alarms, animal complaints, drug investigations, warrant services, harassment, as well as several other types of complaints. Deputies also assist motorists, check

for open doors on businesses and residences when people are on vacation as well as serve civil papers.



## K9 Deputies

We have two full time K9 deputies on staff and each deputy has his own K9 partner. K9 Cooper has been with the department since 2009. In 2014, K9 Cooper responded to approximately 201 calls. K9 Fedor responded to approximately 171. Our K9 deputies and their partners train together throughout the year. Our K9 deputies are not only used for drug detection but are also used for tracking.



K9 Cooper



K9 Fedor

## **Field Services Accomplishments:**

## Ho-Chunk Grant

### Administration Hours – Captain Jeff Spencer

2014	4 hours of administrative hours (grant preparation and paperwork)
02/06/14	2 hours quarterly meeting
05/01/14	2 hours quarterly meeting

### Administration Hours - Captain Mike Stoddard

2014	6 hours of administrative hours
05/01/14	2 hours quarterly meeting
09/09/14	8 hours training PL280
09/10/14	8 hours training PL280
11/06/14	3 hours quarterly meeting

**35 total hours**

### Patrol Hours - Patrol Division

**844.50 total hours**

Ho-Chunk Casino	428.50 hours
Winnebago Heights	253.50 hours
Ho-Chunk Village	160.75 hours
Vagabond Housing	1.75 hours

### Ho-Chunk CIOT Grant

**20 patrol hours** reimbursed \$1,000.00

### Summary

The Sauk County Sheriff's Office entered into an agreement with Ho-Chunk Nation to provide law enforcement services on Ho-Chunk lands, pursuant to Public Law 280, for the year 2014. Ho-Chunk Nation agreed to pay the Sauk County Sheriff's Office \$28,442.00 toward those services. Captain Mike Stoddard took over management of the program on July 1, 2014 and attends all of the quarterly law enforcement meetings and trainings with the Ho-Chunk Nation. In addition, the Sheriff's Office provided 844.5 hours of patrol within Ho-Chunk lands. The Sheriff's Office also investigated all complaints and calls for service on Ho-Chunk lands in 2014.

## Highway Safety Grants

1. The Sauk County Sheriff's Office received \$12,500.00 in the CIOT Click It grant for 2014. We utilized \$12,083.04 for 272 hours of overtime traffic enforcement.
2. The Sauk County Sheriff's Office received up to \$5,000.00 for enforcement for the Wisconsin HOG Rally that was held at the Ho-Chunk Casino during the summer of 2014. We utilized \$1,944.32 for 52 overtime enforcement hours.
3. The Sauk County Sheriff's Office received \$8,000.00 in a Speed Enforcement grant for 2014. We utilized \$7,848 for 208 hours of overtime traffic enforcement.
4. The Sauk County Sheriff's Office received \$20,000.00 in an Alcohol Enforcement grant for 2014. We utilized \$19,587.72 for 512 hours of overtime traffic enforcement.
5. The Sauk County Sheriff's Office received \$1,000.00 from Ho-Chunk Nation for Click It seatbelt enforcement on and around Indian lands. We utilized \$941.76 for 24 hours of overtime enforcement.

Total Grant Revenue:	Click It	\$12,083.04
	Speed	\$8,000.00
	Alcohol	\$20,000.00
	Ho-Chunk	\$941.76
	HOG Rally	\$1,944.32
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$42,969.12</b>

### Grant Enforcement

<b>Click It</b>		<b>Alcohol</b>	
Hours	272	Hours	512
Seatbelt citations	194	Seatbelt Citations	37
Speeding	48	Speeding	26
OWI	1	OWI	20
Drivers License	58	Drivers License	85
Other Citations	173	Other Citations	184
Total Citations	474	Total Citations	352
Written Warnings	249	Written Warnings	407

**Speed**

Hours	208
Seatbelt Citations	32
Speeding	118
OWI	1
Drivers License	35
Other Citations	86
Total Citations	272
Written Warnings	168

**Ho-Chunk Click It**

Hours	24
Seatbelt Citations	7
Speeding	1
OWI	0
Drivers License	14
Other Citations	7
Total Citations	29
Written Warnings	16

**HOG Rally**

Hours	52
Seatbelt Citations	11
Speeding	12
OWI	0
Drivers License	7
Other Citations	21
Total Citations	51
Written Warnings	27

**Overall**

<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1,068</b>
<b>Total Citations Issued</b>	<b>1,178</b>
<b>Total Written Warnings</b>	<b>867</b>

**Court Security**

Our Court Security is made up of four full time deputies. We have one sergeant and three deputies. There are four court rooms in the Sauk County Courthouse and the four Court Security Officers are responsible for monitoring all four.

**COURT SECURITY**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
INMATES TRANSPORTED	909	840	939
RESTRAINING ORDER HEARINGS	202	232	195
SPECIAL COURT SECURITY REQUESTS	59	68	76
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>1,210</b>

## **Clerical Staff**

There are currently 16 clerks who assist staff in the administrative, field services, detective and jail/Huber areas.

## **Accomplishments/Programs 2014**

### **Sauk County Emergency Response Team/CIN Team**

The Sauk County Emergency Response Team responded to nine calls in 2014. Two of these calls were to assist in executing search warrants, two calls were responding to individuals with firearms and five calls were to assist in locating subjects who are part of Project Lifesaver.

### **Honor Guard**

TOTAL EVENTS: 7

CASKET GUARD: 2

FLAG PRESENTATIONS: 3

OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNERAL: 1

CEREMONY/RIFLE TEAM: 1

### **EVENTS REQUESTED/AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND/ATTENDED:**

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|----------|---|
| 02/24/14 | Funeral services (Category II) for Inspector Rick Graven, Wisconsin State Patrol<br>Attended funeral services in Wausau, WI<br>2 Deputies, 5 hours each |
| 04/29/14 | Funeral services for Detective Phil Niles, Sauk County Sheriff's Office (Retired)<br>Casket Guard, Baraboo, WI<br>5 Deputies, 4 hours each              |
| 05/09/14 | Madison College Law Enforcement Academy Graduation<br>Flag Presentation, Madison, WI<br>4 Deputies, 2 hours each  |
| 05/12/14 | Sauk County Respect for Law Ceremony<br>Rifle Salute, Baraboo, WI<br>5 Deputies, 1.5 hours each   |
| 08/01/14 | Funeral services for Jerry Mlsna, Reedsburg Police Department (Retired)<br>Casket Guard, Reedsburg, WI<br>2 Deputies, 2 hours each                      |

- 09/15/14      Wisconsin Counties Association Conference  
Flag Presentation, Kalahari Resort, Lake Delton, WI  
4 Deputies, 1 hour each
  
- 10/21/14      Wisconsin Tavern League Conference  
Flag Presentation, Kalahari Resort, Lake Delton, WI  
4 Deputies, 1 hour each

**CURRENT TEAM MEMBERS**

- Deputy Eric Van Den Heuvel (team leader)
- Deputy Brian Schlough
- Deputy Erik Knull
- Deputy Daniel Heimann
- Deputy Kevin Eades
- Detective Clay Lins

The new uniform jackets ordered in late 2013 arrived and were placed into service after the corresponding leather gear arrived from Lark Uniform. In 2015, the team will be transitioning to brass colored metal components for all members. New "Honor Guard" gold colored hat and jacket badges were purchased by the Department and will become part of the uniform once members change over the rest of their currently silver metal hardware to gold/brass

**Sheriff's Boat Patrol Program**

The Sheriff is responsible for water safety patrol and rescue. The primary waterways in Sauk County include Lake Wisconsin, Lake Redstone, Lake Delton, Dutch Hollow, and the Wisconsin and Baraboo Rivers.

We currently have three boats that are utilized by Boat Patrol and the Dive Team:

- 1 – Lund- main patrol boat - fully depreciated
- 1 – Kann – Patrol/Dive boat – 5th year of depreciation and will be paid for this year
- 1 – Sea Ark – flat bottom – secondary Patrol/Dive boat – fully depreciated

\*depreciation is on a 5 year schedule thru the DNR in which the purchase price is paid back to the county

Our Boat Patrol is made up of seven active deputies and one sergeant. Our main activity is on Lake Wisconsin. For the last several years we have been requested by the Lake Delton Boat Patrol to assist them with patrol on Lake Delton due to the high number of rentals on specific weekends.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Hours Patrolled	322	212	204
Citations Issued	37**	18***	14***

**\*\* This number includes one Operating While Intoxicated citation.**

**\*\*\*Water Safety Deputies made many contacts throughout the year but were finding that most were in compliance with the above few exceptions.**



## **Dive Team**

The Sauk County Dive Team is currently made up of 8 members. This includes one captain, one detective, five patrol deputies and one jail deputy. The Dive Team generally tries to train once a month weather permitting. They train in all different types of water and temperatures. In 2014, they did their first dive in July at Dutch Hollow Lake. They did their last dive training on October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Wisconsin River near Lake Delton. Some of the training each month includes gear cleaning and prep work for any upcoming call outs.

We were fortunate enough this year to only have a couple special dives that team members responded to. One was to assist a LaValle Police officer in locating an object in Lake Redstone. The second one, although the full Dive Team was not called out, 1 member did assist with the recovery of a missing man at the Kilbourn Dam in April.



## **Sauk County Drug Task Force**

### **Team Structure:**

The Task Force is a multi agency Task Force comprised of officers from several municipalities within Sauk County. The Sauk County Sheriff's Office has two members on the Task Force. At this time there is no data which provides total statistics for the Task Force. Statistics are kept by respective jurisdictions for their officers.

There are currently have 20 members on the Sauk County Drug Task Force. Those members are from the following jurisdictions: Sauk Co. Sheriff's Office, Baraboo Police Department, Lake Delton Police Department, Reedsburg Police Department, Spring Green / Plain Police Department, Sauk Prairie Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol and the Sauk Co. District Attorney's Office. They meet monthly for case status updates and also for on-going training purposes.

The following statistics are the efforts of the Sauk County Drug Detectives involvement on the Task Force:

- 59 controlled buys.
- 31 search warrants.
- 9 controlled reversals.
- 4 traffic stops/buy-busts.
- 5 consent searches.
- 1 Act 79 search.
- 3 meth labs (one pot method).
- 2 firearms recovered.
- 2 Federal cases (1 cocaine and 1 heroin).

As a result of investigations by the Sauk County Drug Task Force, we seized 5 vehicles and \$4,000.00 cash. We have 5 vehicle seizures pending and 1 house seizure pending.

### **Project Lifesaver:**

Project Lifesaver is an international program. The goal of Project Lifesaver is to ensure that persons in this program who may become lost will be safely returned to their home and family. It is designed to assist in the tracking and locating of such persons in the event they were to leave their home unsupervised. Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If a participant in the program goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area.

We currently have 21 clients utilizing the Project Lifesaver Program. There are 13 deputies who are trained in Project Lifesaver. These same deputies not only conduct battery changes each month but are also responsible to respond to any call-outs for a Project Lifesaver search.

Training consists of the initial 24 hours of training in how the program works, the policies and procedures of the program both through Project Lifesaver Home and the Sauk County Sheriff's Office and most importantly how to utilize the search equipment in order to bring a faster resolution to a missing client. The deputies need to recertify in their search protocol every 2 years.

In 2014 we had eight (8) call-outs for the Project Lifesaver Team to conduct a search. The client had been located prior to Project Lifesaver staff getting to the scene in 5 instances. In the other 3 incidents we had a client reported as missing and once the Project Lifesaver Team was activated, the client was located utilizing Project Lifesaver Equipment within one half to 1 ½ hours.



#### **Major Cases in 2014:**

01/04/14 – Substantial Battery – Village of LaValle

02/06/14 - Fire Investigation – Town of Baraboo

02/12/14 – Death Investigation – Town of Spring Green

02/19/14 – Death Investigation – Town of Honey Creek

02/19/14 – Fire Investigation – Town of Dellona

03/24/14 - Fraud Miscellaneous – Fraudulent fundraising events in Sauk and Richland Counties

04/07/14 – Burglary/Home Invasion – Town of Washington

04/08/14 – Felony Theft – Town of Dellona

05/13/14 – Robbery/Home Invasion – Village of West Baraboo

05/14/14 – Death Investigation – Town of Spring Green

05/24/14 – Death Investigation – Town of Dellona

05/26/14 – Fire Investigation – Town of Spring Green

05/31/14 – Vehicular Fatality Investigation – Town of Baraboo

06/15/14 – Vehicular Fatality Investigation – Town of Spring Green

Multiple cases – June, July, August 2014 – Daytime residential Burglaries in the Townships of Spring Green, Ironton, Westfield, Franklin, Bear Creek, Washington and LaValle

09/14/14 – Burglary – Town of Spring Green

10/06/14 – Sexual Assault – Town of Baraboo

10/07/14 – Armed Robbery – Village of Plain

10/18/14 – Great Bodily Harm Vehicle Crash Investigation – Town of Troy

10/21/14 – Vehicular Fatality Investigation – Town of LaValle

10/27/14 – Burglary – Town of Sumpter

11/23/14 – Death Investigation – Town of Woodland

12/09/14 – Sexual Assault – Village of Plain

12/17/14 – Armed Robbery – Town of Washington

12/22/14 – Homicide – Town of Baraboo

### **Drug Investigations:**

#### **Heroin Conspiracy Case**

Location: Sauk Prairie / Madison

7 local arrests with a total of 18 various charges related to the use and distribution of Heroin  
Outcome lead to 4 suspects being indicted by Federal authorities for conspiracy to distribute Heroin in the amount greater than 1182 Ounces of Heroin

#### **Marijuana Delivery Case**

Location; Prairie du Sac // Merrimac

Father and Son arrested for 7 various charges related to Possession of Marijuana with Intent To Distribute over 5.35 pounds of Marijuana and 5 Marijuana plants

#### **Marijuana Manufacture Case**

Location: North Freedom

Subject arrested for the Manufacture of 33+ Marijuana Plants and Multiple pounds of processed Marijuana

**Manufacture of Methamphetamine Case**

Location: Reedsburg

2 subjects arrested for Possession of Precursors for the Manufacture of Methamphetamine, Intentionally Dispose of Methamphetamine Waste and Possession of Marijuana

**Possession of Marijuana with Intent To Deliver Case:**

Location: Spring Green / Reedsburg & Colorado

3 adults and 1 juvenile arrested for various charges to include Possession of over a pound of Marijuana that was transported from Colorado to Reedsburg

Over 260 follow-up criminal investigations were assigned to Detectives of the Sauk County Sheriff's Office in 2014. Many additional criminal drug cases were and continue to be investigated by Detectives of the Sauk County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Sauk County Drug Task Force.

Additionally, this year, Sauk County Crime Stoppers arrested their 200th plus person based on tips and information through them. So far, \$5,800 has been paid in rewards since its inception in 2003. Approximately \$406,050 in stolen property and narcotics have been recovered.

**Statistical Summary:**

**ACCIDENTS**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Fatal Accidents/Fatalities	7/7	5/5	10/10
Total Accidents	1,315	1,392	1,357

**CIVIL PROCESS**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Papers Processed	2,395	2,355	1,891
Fees Collected	\$112,601.03	\$104,774.82	78,477.40

**JUVENILE**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Juvenile Arrests	184	95	148
Juvenile Runaway	51	26	28
Juvenile Misbehavior	133	116	109

Juvenile Neglect & Abuse	59	58	51
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>336</b>

### CITATIONS ISSUED

	2012	2013	2014
Adult Non-Traffic	1,177	979	944
Adult Traffic Citations	6,096	4,958	4,395
Juvenile Non-Traffic	227	103	168
Juvenile Traffic Citations	13	16	17
<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>7,513</b>	<b>6,056</b>	<b>5,524</b>

### COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

	2012	2013	2014
ALL POLICE CALLS	68,061	69,822	70,286
ALL FIRE CALLS	601	437	421
ALL AMBULANCE CALLS	3,962	3,914	4,120
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>72,624</b>	<b>74,173</b>	<b>74,827</b>

We currently have 13 dispatchers and a Supervisor that run our Communications Center. There are three shifts. The dispatchers work a 4/2 schedule and work 8 hours in a shift. They dispatch for the Sauk County Sheriff's Office as well as other local law enforcement, fire and ambulance departments with the exception of Reedsburg and Wisconsin Dells.

### SECURITY DIVISION

	2012	2013	2014
Bookings	3,522	3,427	3,222
Avg Daily Population All Inmates	192	181	176
Avg Daily Population For Sauk County Only	167	138	139
Community Service Hours	9,883.5	11,304.5	11,299

Our Security Division is made up of one lieutenant, 6 sergeants, 32 male deputies and 23 female deputies that perform daily duties in the jail and Huber Center. There are three shifts. Each deputy works a 4/2 schedule for 8 ½ hours a day.

The Sauk County Jail currently provides the following programs for incarcerated inmates through Attic Correctional Services. We currently have four programs for male inmates that change every month in a four month rotation. The classes are for Parenting, Employability, AODA, and Anger Management. There are two classes for female inmates, those being AODA and Employability. The lower amount of classes is due to the significantly lower female population in the jail.

We also have a partnership with MATC which allows inmates in jail to work on and many times attain their GED or HSED. In 2014, due to changes in the GED testing procedures, no inmates obtained their GED/HSED. MATC is working on solutions to the problem, part of it being a change to internet based testing, and a cost increase from ~\$60 to ~\$120. 516 hours of instruction was completed by MATC instructors.

These statistics for GED classes do not include Huber, only inmates incarcerated without release privileges.

In addition to these programs, Huber inmates participate in community service work at the Sauk County Highway shop, the Humane Society, and the Habitat Restore. Huber inmates also work completing landscaping around the LEC and WS/Courthouse area, in the kitchen at the LEC, and washing laundry for the LEC.

Religious study and AODA classes are offered in the jail on different occasions throughout the week, by volunteers from the area.

## **Jail Revenues**

The Sheriff's Department received additional revenues of \$787,802 by renting out available jail beds to other agencies outside of the County.

## **PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act)**

In compliance with PREA, here is published data for January 1-Dec 31, 2014.

# Male inmates on December 31, 2014 = 160

# Female inmates on December 31, 2014 = 34

Male ADP from January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2014 = 152

Female ADP from January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 = 24

Total inmate on inmate nonconsensual sexual acts reported = 0

Total inmate on inmate abusive sexual contacts reported = 7

# of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contacts substantiated = 3

Total staff sexual misconduct allegations reported = 8

For the 8 allegations of staff sexual misconduct:

1 was substantiated - Investigation was forwarded to the district attorney for review. No charges were filed. 7 were Unfounded.