

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

**2016 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>2016 GOALS REVIEW</b>		
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>
Combat increasing drug sales within the County	Change project position to regular position in order to continue drug investigations	Completed
Reduce violent crimes and property crimes	Continue to implement crime prevention programs through the County. Concentrated patrol and enforcement efforts such as Drug Interdiction activities.	Ongoing
Maintain highway safety	Minimize fatalities and reduce	Ongoing

2016 GOALS REVIEW		
grants.	traffic crashes.	
Create a Junior Deputy Program	Involve youth with Law Enforcement for a positive role model.	Ongoing
Increase Deputy involvement in schools	Create better interaction with you and improve safety and security in the schools.	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, 1 Detective Sergeant 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 Ranger started his first full year with the department in 2016. In 2016, K9 Ranger responded to 194 calls. This resulted in 58 narcotic arrests and 4 felony patrol arrests. K9 Fedor responded to 139 calls. K9 Fedor had 39 drug arrests. 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 Fedor

**Field Services Accomplishments:**

**Ho-Chunk Grant**

Administration Hours – Captain Mike Stoddard

10 hours for administrative duties.  
22 hours for four quarterly meetings and 4 local meetings

**32 total hours.**

Patrol Hours

Ho Chunk Casino	399.50 hours
Winnebago Heights	170.50 hours
Ho Chunk Village	127.00 hours

**697.00 total hours**

The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office entered into an agreement with the Ho Chunk Nation to provide law enforcement services on Ho Chunk lands, pursuant to Public Law 280, for the year 2016. Ho Chunk agreed to pay the Sauk County Sheriff’s Office \$27,188.00 toward those services. Captain Mike Stoddard manages the program. The Sheriff’s Office provided 697 hours of patrol within the Ho Chunk lands. The Sheriff’s Office handled 700 complaints on Ho Chunk land in 2016.

## 2016 Highway Safety Grants

The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office received a total of \$53,000.00 in highway safety grants for 2016 that provided 853 overtime patrol hours to concentrate on dangerous driving throughout Sauk County.

1. The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office received \$15,000.00 in an alcohol grant for 2016. This provided 205 overtime patrol hours.
2. The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office participated in a multi-County alcohol enforcement grant with Dane County, Rock County, Jefferson County, and Columbia County. This allowed for 170 overtime patrol hours in Sauk County. The Sheriff’s Office received \$10,000.00 for this grant.
3. The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office received \$10,000.00 in a seatbelt grant for 2016. This provided 198 overtime patrol hours.
4. The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office received \$7,500.00 in a distracted driving grant for 2016. This provided 136 overtime patrol hours.
5. The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office received \$12,500.00 in a speed enforcement grant for 2016. This provided 144 overtime patrol hours and \$5,000.00 in equipment purchases.
6. The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office participated in the non-funded “Click It or Ticket” campaign that logged 468 straight time patrol enforcement hours.
7. The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office participated in the non-funded “Drive Sober” campaign that logged 500 straight time patrol enforcement hours.

### Grant Enforcement (funded)

#### **Alcohol**

Hours	205
Seatbelt Citations	3
Speeding	13
OWI	12
Driver’s License	8
Other Citations	36
Total Citations	75
Written Warnings	137

#### **Multi-County Task Force**

Hours	170
Seatbelt Citations	9
Speeding	14
OWI	6
Drivers License	35
Other Citations	86
Total Citations	150
Written Warnings	258

#### **Seatbelt**

#### **Speed**

Hours	198
Seatbelt Citations	125
Speeding	48
OWI	1
Driver's License	41
Other Citations	100
Total Citations	315
Written Warnings	125

Hours	144
Seatbelt Citations	29
Speeding	126
OWI	1
Drivers License	30
Other Citations	61
Total Citations	247
Written Warnings	116

**Distracted Driving**

Hours	136
Seatbelt Citations	56
Speeding	2
OWI	1
Driver's License	26
Other Citations	70
Total Citations	155
Written Warnings	74

**Grant Enforcement (non-funded)**

**Click It**

Hours	468
Seatbelt Citations	36
Speeding	39
OWI	5
Driver's License	20
Other Citations	62
Total Citations	162
Written Warnings	224

**Drive Sober**

Hours	468
Seatbelt Citations	22
Speeding	74
OWI	13
Drivers License	41
Other Citations	110
Total Citations	260
Written Warnings	417

**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>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
INMATES TRANSPORTED	939	819	937
RESTRAINING ORDER HEARINGS	195	231	178
SPECIAL COURT SECURITY REQUESTS	76	34	70
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>1,185</b>

**Clerical Staff**

There are currently 16 clerks who assist staff in the Administrative, Field Services, Detective and Jail/Huber areas.

**Accomplishments/Programs 2016**

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

The Sauk County Emergency Response Team (ERT) responded to six calls in 2016. Two calls were search warrants for the Sauk County Drug Task Force, one call was for a mental health subject threatening violence with a weapon, two were for subjects armed with a gun, and one was for assistance to another county for a man with a gun.

The Sauk County Critical Negotiations Team (CIN) responded to two calls in 2016. One was for a mental health subject threatening violence with a weapon and one was for a subject armed with a gun.

**Honor Guard**

2016 Sauk County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard Summary

TOTAL EVENTS: 5

FLAG PRESENTATIONS: 2

OUTSIDE AGENCY CATEGORY I FUNERAL: 1

CEREMONY: 2

EVENTS ATTENDED

- 01/19/16 Wisconsin Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Conference, Lake Delton, WI. Flag Presentation, 2 Deputies
- 05/09/16 Sauk County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony Baraboo, WI. Rifle Team, 3 Deputies
- 05/13/16 Madison College Law Enforcement Academy graduation Madison, WI. Flag Presentation. 2 Deputies
- 11/04/16 Funeral services for Deputy Dan Glaze, Rusk County Sheriff's Office Rusk County, WI. Funeral Services - Line of Duty Death. 2 Deputies
- 11/05/16 Concerns of Police Survivors Winter Retreat, Lake Delton, WI. Memorial Ceremony, 1 Deputy

**CURRENT TEAM MEMBERS**

- Sergeant Eric Van Den Heuvel (team leader)
- Deputy Brian Schlough
- Deputy Erik Knull
- Dispatcher Randy Huelsemann

**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 - 2007 Lund Pro V- main patrol boat - fully depreciated (to be replaced this year)
- 1 - 2010 Kann – Patrol/Dive boat – fully depreciated
- 1 - 2015 Alumacraft VB 1860 w/ Mercury 90HP 4 stroke and Diamond City Trailer - this will be the second year of depreciation. We received this boat in November of 2015.

\*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 eight 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>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Hours Patrolled	204	144	228
Citations Issued	14***	10***	11

**\*\*\*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 eight (8) departmental members; to include a captain, detective, three (3) patrol and three (3) jail deputies.

The Dive Team generally trains once a month, weather permitting. They train in all different types of visibility and temperatures. In 2016, they did their first dive (ice) in March and their last in October. Some of the training each month includes gear cleaning and prep work for any upcoming call outs. The Dive Team routinely gets request from the public and outside agencies, this year they were asked by the Sauk County Parks Department to inspect a culvert pipe near the dam at Lake Redstone. Several members of the team were also certified as Rescue Divers as part of their continuing training schedule.

The Dive Team responded to two (2) additional requests for assistance. In June, members responded near Lyndon Station in Juneau County to look for a missing male who had failed to resurface after attempting to cross the Wisconsin River during the hours of darkness. This was a delayed request of almost three (3) days. He was ultimately found days later, several yards downstream deceased. In June, The Lake Delton Police Department asked for assistance as an intoxicated male had recently gone under water in the Wisconsin River near Newport Park. A Sauk County Dive Team member was able to locate the subject underwater about an hour into the dive. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. Neither subjects were wearing a life vest.



## **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 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:

- 22 controlled buys.
- 24 search warrants.
- 4 traffic stops/buy-busts.
- 6 Act 79 search. (Probation searches)
- 2 firearms recovered.
- 1 marijuana grows eradicated/75 marijuana plants

As a result of investigations by the Sauk County Drug Task Force, we seized \$8,590 cash.

#### Drug Seizure Amounts

Marijuana	8,063.4 Grams or 17.8 Pounds
Methamphetamine	1,117.0 Grams or 2.47 Pounds
DMT / MDMA	.4 Grams
Cocaine / Crack	25.7 Grams
Heroin	3.89 Grams
Prescription Meds	464 Pills

#### Major Incidents

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016: In response to 12 heroin overdoses in the County, the Sauk County Drug Task force conducted interviews on numerous victims of the overdoses. Through the interviews, a suspect was found. He was arrested on an Illinois DOC warrant and also charged with possession with intent to deliver heroin due to him having 1.5 grams of heroin on his person at the time of his arrest and a probation hold.

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016: Arrested male suspect at Spring Green Motel #17 for DOC warrant, felon in possession of firearm, and possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine. Recovered in the room was one firearm, ammunition, 8.5 grams methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia.

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016: Intercepted two boxes containing 1085 grams of marijuana at the Baraboo Post Office that was bound for a Koch Street, West Baraboo address. A Controlled delivery of the packages was made at the residence and search warrants were executed at a residence and a shop on Moore Street in Baraboo. 380 prescription pills located along with 1 bottle of liquid diazepam, 3 grams of cocaine, 70.6 grams of methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia. Additional marijuana was found in the residence and included with the two boxes, a total 2.6 pounds of marijuana was recovered in this case. Additionally, \$4616.00 in US currency was recovered during the search and a state seizure is pending on this currency. 3 Suspects Arrested for various offenses.

February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>: Investigated possible armed robbery north of the Ho Chunk Casino, the robbery was drug related. As a result, a female suspect was charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine as 2.8 grams of cocaine was recovered.

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016: Search Warrant at a N. Dewey Avenue in Reedsburg. We located 75 growing marijuana plants, 268.4 grams of processed marijuana, grow tents, lights, fertilizer, potting soil, 68 Adderall tablets along with drug paraphernalia. A male suspect was arrested for manufacture thc, poss thc 2<sup>nd</sup>, maintaining drug dwelling, possession of amphetamine, and possession of para.

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Search Warrant at a CTH U (trailer home). 426.6 grams of THC, 0.2 grams of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, packaging equipment, and ammunition were seized. One male suspect was arrested for Delivery of THCx3, Possession with intent to deliver THC, possession of drug paraphernalia, maintaining a drug dwelling, and possession of methamphetamine. One male suspect was arrested for possession of THC second and possession of drug paraphernalia.

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Search Warrant at a CTH U (AMF Skamper), located were 2 firearms, 1 marijuana plant, 1.7 grams processed thc, and drug paraphernalia. A male suspect was charged with felon in possession of a firearm, manufacture thc, possession of thc, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Warrants have been issued.

August 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 Search Warrant at a West Mullberry Street, West Baraboo address. 927.5 grams of methamphetamine was seized after a controlled delivery of a US Postal Service Package. A search of the home revealed the following; 0.5 grams of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, along with written drug ledgers.

December 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, search warrant at a 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Baraboo address. Recovered 108.3 grams of suspected methamphetamine, 9.1 grams of suspected marijuana, 0.4 grams of MDMA, Oxycodone, morphine sulfate, Methylin, Suboxone, recovered in the search. A male & female suspect were arrested as a result.

### **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 31 clients utilizing the Project Lifesaver Program. There are 19 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 16 hours of training in how the program works, the policies and procedures of the program through both 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, if they have not been involved in a search during that timeframe.

In 2016 we had thirteen (13) 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 10 instances. The other three incidents were as follows: In the first, the client was noticed to have been missing by his mother and she had not seen him in over

1.5 hours. Team was paged out at 1805 and assembled with the search starting at 1815. A signal was located in short order, and through triangulation with the receivers, the client was located approximately 2 1/2 miles from his residence and returned to his mother at 1905. In the second incident, the client was noticed to be missing by her husband, Team was paged out at 1527. The first officer on scene was able to immediately get a signal on the equipment, and by 1549 had located the client and returned her to her residence. The third incident was a success for the team and equipment, however the client had cut off his band so was not with the transmitter. The team was paged out and within twenty minutes of starting the search had located the transmitter, however the client had removed it and left it in the woods. The client was successfully located later that evening after another LE officer recalled seeing someone of his description. A leather band that is not able to be cut easily was placed on this client to reduce the chance of this happening in the future.



## Detective Division - 2016 Major Case Review

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### Past Years On-Going Case Updates

**14-12843 – Armed Bank Robbery** – Investigation continued into the October 2014 Bank Robbery of the Peoples Community Bank in the Village of Plain, with significant progress made. Federal Indictments were won against the two suspects, with trials set to begin mid 2017.

**15-10370 – Human Trafficking** – Sauk County Sheriff's Detectives assisted the FBI and the Wisconsin Dells Police Department with an investigation in a case that began in August 2015 involving the possible human trafficking of an adult woman and juvenile girl in the Wisconsin Dells area. The investigation resulted in Maurice Adonis Withers being indicted in Federal Court for Human Trafficking in January, 2016.

### 2016 Cases

**16-00018, 16-00019, 16-00021 – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – Burglaries** – Sauk County Sheriff's Deputies and Detectives responded to three Burglaries at the Winneshiek Village in the Town of Dellona. Three separate buildings and sheds on the property were broken into and property stolen. The investigation revealed that 17 year old Darius White of Black River Falls, WI was responsible for the criminal activity. He was charged with two counts of Burglary and one count of Criminal Damage to Property. Those cases are currently pending in Sauk County Circuit Court.

**16-00649 – Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Burglary** – Investigation into a burglary to the Holy Family Catholic Church in LaValle. The case was cold until April when the investigation revealed that electronics stolen in the crime were pawned at a shop in Madison, WI. This led to the identification and arrest of Tayt Rasmussen of Reedsburg, who was convicted in August 2016.

**16-00838, 16-00859, 16-00868, 16-00895 – Jan. 2016 - Fraud – Counterfeit Money** — Sauk County Sheriff's Detectives, working cooperatively with several other Law Enforcement agencies both in and outside Sauk County, investigated a rash of passing counterfeit United States currency. The Investigation resulted in five suspects, primarily from the Madison, WI area being indicted in Federal Court. Some defendants have pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing and others cases are still pending the trial stage.

**16-00983 – Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Attempted Homicide** – Sauk County Deputies and Detectives were called to a rental unit at the Christmas Mountain Village for a report that a man had been stabbed by his girlfriend. The investigation revealed that Jennifer L. Butcher of Cedarburg, WI, while intoxicated, was involved in a domestic disturbance with her boyfriend, during which she armed herself with a knife and stabbed her boyfriend in the chest, narrowly missing the heart. Butcher was charged in Sauk County Circuit Court with 1<sup>st</sup> degree Recklessly Endangering Safety. The charges were dismissed when the victim refused to cooperate with the prosecution.

**16-01260 – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – Fraud** – A Sauk County Sheriff's Detective was made aware of an elderly man who was repeatedly sending large amounts of money to criminals perpetuating a scam on him. The man continued to do so even after intervention by the Detective. Continued follow-up resulted in a guardian being appointed to the victim.

**16-01819 – Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Sexual Assault** – A Juvenile male was investigated for sexually assaulting 4 juvenile female victims in various jurisdictions across the state. The case was handled in the Juvenile Justice system.

**16-02872 – March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Fraud** – A Sauk County Sheriff's Detective was made aware of a man who had been sending large amounts of money to a fictitious person in what is commonly referred to as a romance scam. The victim continued to send money after initial Law Enforcement intervention, but was eventually able to be convinced of the fraud and discontinued.

**16-03186 – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Disturbance** - Deputies and Detectives responded to a residence in the Township of Fairfield for a reported disturbance with shots having been fired. As a result of the investigation, Sarah J. Lewis was charged with and convicted of Operating a firearm while intoxicated and Gabriel E. Dionne was charged with possessing a firearm as a convicted felon and Disorderly Conduct. His charges are still pending in Sauk County Circuit Court.

**16-03639 – March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Sexual Assault** – Investigation into the reported sexual assault of a juvenile female in the Township of Delton, Sauk County. As a result of the investigation, Robert M. Prescott of Sacramento, CA was charged with 1<sup>st</sup> degree Sexual Assault of a Child under 12 years of age. He was subsequently charged with two counts of Felony bail jumping for failing to comply with bond conditions. The case is still pending in Sauk County Circuit Court.

**16-03947 – April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Firearms Theft** – Investigation into the theft of several firearms from a residence in the Town of LaValle. The investigation resulted in a family member of the victims being charged with the thefts as well as being in possession of firearms as a convicted felon, and several of the firearms were recovered throughout the state. The case is pending in Sauk County Circuit Court at this time.

**16-05055 – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – Homicide** - Sheriff Deputies and Detectives investigated a shooting on I90-94 near Lake Delton where a motorist passing another fired numerous rounds into the vehicle, killing an adult female passenger, while her husband drove and their two children rode in the back seat. A witness to the incident followed and kept other responding Law Enforcement aware of the whereabouts of the suspect vehicle. A pursuit ensued with the suspect vehicle through Columbia and into Dane Counties, ending with the suspect being shot and wounded. The suspect was charged with one count of 1<sup>st</sup> degree Reckless Homicide and three

counts of 1<sup>st</sup> degree Recklessly Endangering Safety. The shooting suspect was also a suspect in and has been charged in another homicide in West Allis, WI. Both cases are pending in court at this time.

**16-06927 – June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Fraud-Checks** – Several businesses in Spring Green, Plain and Sauk City reported having received worthless checks, written on the same account. A Sheriff's Detective identified Tyler Iverson of Arena, WI as a suspect. The suspect admitted to stealing the checks from an abandoned cabin in Iowa County and writing and passing the checks at various locations in Sauk and Richland Counties. Iverson was charged with seven counts of Forgery and Uttering in Sauk County and pled no contest. Charges for the same acts in Richland County are still pending.

**16-07388 – June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Extortion** – A Sauk County Sheriff's Detective investigated an extortion case involving a county resident and business owner. As a result of the investigation, Stephen Hemmes of Las Vegas, NV was charged with theft greater than \$10,000 and Threats to injure or accuse of crime in Sauk County Circuit Court. That case is still pending. In a separate but related case involving other family members of the Sauk County victim, Hemmes was indicted in Federal Court for making terrorist threats. That case is also pending.

**16-07499 – July 2016 – Human Trafficking** – A Sauk County Detective assisted the FBI, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation and the Dane County Sheriff's Office with a human trafficking case that was occurring primarily in Dane County, but had aspects in southeastern Sauk County. Any charges related to that case were in Federal or Dane County court.

**16-08560 – July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – Disturbance** – Sauk County Sheriff's Deputies and Detectives were dispatched to a disturbance and report of shots fired in the area of Ho-Chunk Village in the Township of Delton. Numerous witnesses were interviewed and search warrants executed in this investigation and as a result, Raul G. Reynosa of Baraboo, was arrested and charged with 1<sup>st</sup> degree Reckless Injury and Substantial Battery, Intend to cause bodily harm, both Felony charges. That case is pending in Sauk County Circuit Court at this time.

**16-08732 – July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Burglary** – Deputies and Detectives investigated a Burglary to a hunting property with a cabin and several outbuildings in the Township of Reedsburg. Missing from the property was hunting and household equipment. The investigation resulted in Tyler Murray of Baraboo being charged with 3 and convicted of 2 counts of Burglary. Co-Conspirator Dylan Wermuth of Lime Ridge was arrested and charged with 3 counts of Burglary. His case is pending in Sauk County Circuit Court.

**16-09504 & 16-09869– Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Vandalism** – Sheriff's Detectives investigated extensive damage cause by spray paint in and around Devils Lake State park. Information received by way of tips to Sauk County Crime stoppers let to a juvenile female suspect from Onalaska in LaCrosse County. The juvenile was referred to the juvenile justice system in LaCrosse County for multiple counts of vandalism.

**16-11085 & 16-11776 – Sept. 2016 – Robbery & Fraud** – On Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Sauk County Sheriff's Deputies were sent to the Ho-Chunk Hotel for a report of a robbery. Deputies found that a man was beaten and robbed by a female he had allowed to stay in his room when he awoke to find her stealing his property and money. The suspect, Chia Chang, was identified as such when investigating a separate case on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Ho-Chunk Casino, of her posing as her mother and using her identification and credit cards resulting in a large financial loss. Chang was arrested and charged with Robbery with the use of force, Aggravated Battery and 15 Felony counts related to Misappropriating Identification Information to gain money, Forgery and Uttering. The cases are still pending in Sauk County Circuit Court.

**16-11293 – Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Burglary** – A reported Burglary to a residence in the Township of Greenfield where a large amount of cash and electronics were taken. This investigation is still on-going at this time.

**16-115956 – Sept. 2016** – Sheriff’s Detectives investigated a burglary to a residence in the Village of Rock Springs where a large gun safe was pried open and numerous guns were taken. This case remains an active investigation.

**16-12393 – Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Attempted Homicide** – Sauk County Sheriff’s Deputies were called to an apartment building in the Village of West Baraboo to check the welfare of a man who had called 911 and advised he was suicidal. The man, William Abate, after verifying that Law Enforcement was present in the hallway in his complex, fired a round from a shotgun at Deputies through the apartment door, striking one Deputy in the hand. Additional Deputies responded to the scene and after about 20 minutes of negotiations, Abate was taken into custody without further incident. The Deputy was treated and released from the hospital. Abate was charged with Attempted 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide. The case is pending in Sauk County Circuit Court at this time.

**16-13638, 16-13733, 16-13757 & 16-13877 – Nov. 2016 - ATV Thefts** – The Sauk County Sheriff’s Office received several reports of All Terrain Vehicles stolen from the Township of Sumpter. Investigation revealed that Nicholas Pittman, and possibly others were responsible for the thefts. All missing ATV’s were recovered and Pittman was charged with Theft. The case remains under investigation and others may be charged at a future date.

**16-14097 & 16-14133 – Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Burglary & recover Stolen Property** – Sheriff’s Deputies and Detectives investigated a burglary at the Lime Ridge Ag-Supply. Considerable damage and items missing, including a large safe that was pried from a wall in the building. The investigation revealed that at least one adult and one juvenile were involved in the crime. The safe and a good deal of its contents were located at a residence a short distance away, after it had been forcibly opened and the cash removed. This investigation is continuing and it is believed that it is related to other Burglary cases outside Sauk County.

### **General Information**

Over 260 criminal follow-up investigations were handled by the 6 juvenile and general assignment Detectives of the Sauk County Sheriff’s Office in 2016. The Detective assigned to primarily investigate drug crimes was busy deterring, interrupting and stopping drug trafficking in Sauk County. Those relevant cases are included in the 2016 Drug Investigation review portion. The Detective assigned primarily to Civil Process served almost 2,170 papers, in addition to effecting all rental and mortgage foreclosure evictions and executing various writs to collect money and property from civil cases, pursuant to court orders.

Approximately 40 to 50 additional investigations involving alleged child sexual assault or alleged child abuse were investigated during 2016, the details of which cannot be shared in this document due to confidentiality issues.

Fraud cases continued to rise in 2016, as scammers become more sophisticated and technology advances sometimes make these scams easier to perpetuate. Citizens must educate themselves of scams and stay aware when receiving phone calls or emails requesting personally identifying information.

## **Statistical Summary:**

### **ACCIDENTS**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Fatal Accidents/Fatalities	10/10	7/7	8/8
Total Accidents	1,369	1,225	1,285

### **CIVIL PROCESS**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Papers Processed	1,891	1,937	2,378
Fees Collected	\$78,477.40	\$93,243.80	\$118,652.50

### **JUVENILE**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Juvenile Arrests	151	105	88
Juvenile Runaway	27	63	44
Juvenile Misbehavior	110	126	104
Juvenile Neglect & Abuse	51	56	36
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>272</b>

### **CITATIONS ISSUED**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Adult Non-Traffic	1,061	902	1,183
Adult Traffic Citations	4,409	3,290	4,357
Juvenile Non-Traffic	171	120	103
Juvenile Traffic Citations	17	14	18
<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>5,658</b>	<b>4,326</b>	<b>5,661</b>

### **COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
ALL POLICE CALLS	70,286	71,442	75,847
ALL FIRE CALLS/ALARMS	749	793	740
ALL AMBULANCE CALLS	4,120	4,112	4,467
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>74,827</b>	<b>76,347</b>	<b>81,054</b>

We currently have 12 full time dispatchers, 4 part time dispatchers and one 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

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Bookings	3,222	2,938	2,859
Avg Daily Population All Inmates	176	175	163
Avg Daily Population For Sauk County Only	139	141	126
Community Service Hours	11,299	7,258	10,088

Our Security Division is made up of one Captain, 6 sergeants, 36 male deputies and 20 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 2016, 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.

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 \$809,953.29 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-December 31, 2016.

# Male inmates on December 31, 2016 = 138

# Female inmates on December 31, 2016 = 16

Male ADP from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016 = 142

Female ADP from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016 = 21

Total inmate-on-inmate non-consensual sexual acts reported = 1

# of inmate-on-inmate non-consensual sexual acts substantiated = 0

Total inmate on inmate abusive sexual contacts reported = 0

# of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contacts substantiated = 0

Total inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment incidents reported = 6

# of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment incidents substantiated = 1

Total staff sexual misconduct allegations reported = 7

For the 7 allegations of staff sexual misconduct: 6 were Unfounded and 1 was Unsubstantiated

Total staff sexual harassment allegations reported = 0

# of staff sexual harassment allegations substantiated = 0