

2014  
*Annual Report*

# Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Dale McCullick, Sheriff

Orrin Olson, Chief Deputy

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.



# Jail

## Jail Revenue

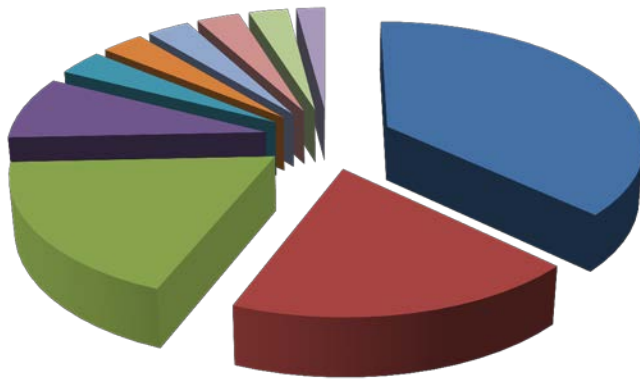
Probation and Parole can place a Hold on an inmate or the inmate is housed under Extended Supervision which gives them a last chance before they are sent to prison. In 2014, the Holds brought in revenue of \$15,205 and Extended Supervision generated \$39,727 in revenue.

## 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. With the change in the system from Human Services to Northwest Connections making the decision, fewer transports are being done. Revenue generated from transports is \$2,115.

## Top 10 Jail Admissions in 2014



- Probation/Warrants: 144
- OMVI: 74
- Disorderly Conduct: 71
- Drug Related: 32
- Contempt: 13
- Battery: 12
- Bail Jumping: 12
- Operating w/out License/Suspension: 12
- Theft/Burglary: 11
- Violate TRO: 8

## Inmate Meals

In 2014, we continued to furnish meals to inmates through Aramark. A driver is contracted to drive to and from Viroqua to deliver meals to our jail. Inmates receive breakfast and dinner as sack meals and the evening meal is warm. The cost of each meal is \$1.56. In 2014, \$45,298 was spent for 29,037 meals.

## 446 Total Prisoners Booked in 2014

Adult Male: 354                      17 year old Male: 11  
 Adult Female: 79                      17 year old Female: 2

## Fingerprinting

The jail staff is trained to do fingerprinting. The public can schedule an appointment and have it done here. There is a \$10 charge per person for being printed and a revenue of \$440 was received in 2014.

## Inmates from Other Counties

The Grant County Jail had an overflow of inmates. Crawford County agreed to house their overflow at a rate of \$51 per day per inmate. The county received \$1,350 in revenue.

Huber Law Account	2012	2013	2014
Huber Fees	\$12,194	\$20,545	\$23,200
Prescriptions	\$917	\$1,270	\$677
Inmate Supplies	\$1,786	\$2,106	\$2,374

# Traffic



## Traffic Crashes

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office had 432 calls for traffic crashes, slide offs and car vs deer accidents. Of those, there was 1 fatality.

## Calls for Service

In 2014, our Sheriff Deputy's were called out 2,631 times. Below is our Top 5 Calls for Service.

RANK	CALL TYPE	# of CALLS
1	Animal Related	265
2	Theft/Burglary	203
3	Welfare Checks	169
4	Suspicious Activity	135
5	Disorderly Conducts	147

## Citations Issued

A total of 1261 citations were issued during 2014.

## OWI Grant

Crawford County's Alcohol Joint Task Force Grant with the Prairie du Chien Police Department was deployed seven different dates in 2014. All dates were reported to the media & put on our Face Book page to let the public know of increased patrol. Each shift ranges from 4-8 hours. The dates are selected at the beginning of the grant physical year in conjunction with the Prairie du Chien Police Department. Deployments put anywhere from one to four extra county deputies on the road for Traffic Enforcement only. Overtime is paid to the deputies working this grant. The Sheriff's Office is reimbursed by the State of Wisconsin for all overtime worked on the grant. The 2014 deployments resulted in 24 citations & 141 warnings. Also, resulting from the previously stated statistics, was 7 narcotic investigations & 3 OWI arrests. This grant will continue until the end of October 2015.

## Summary of Citations Issued

Speeding	259	Driving w/out Proof of Insurance	220
Seat Belt Violation	196	Drivers License/Registration Related	140
Alcohol Related	97	Driving w/out Insurance	85
Traffic Violation	53	Thefts	34
Drug Related	26	Disorderly Conduct	20
Inattentive Driving	15	Animal Related	14
Resisting/Obstructing Officer	12	Trespassing	12
Truancy	7	Unauthorized or False Veh Reg Plate	7
Vandalism	6	Misc	5

# Criminal *Investigations* Division



*The Crawford County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division consists of three Investigators whom are assigned complex cases which demand significant time & effort. Criminal Investigations Division relies upon skill, advanced technology & teamwork to bring justice to victims & hold offenders accountable for their crimes. The investigators are trained to handle a wide variety of investigations; however, each is trained & specializes in a certain area such as; narcotics, sensitive crimes, death investigations & property crimes.*

## **Narcotics**

In 2014, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office conducted approximately 75 narcotic related investigations. These investigations covered many different types of illegal narcotics, some of which include Methamphetamine, Heroin, Cocaine, Marijuana, and prescription medication abuse. As a result of these investigations, nearly 45 narcotics arrests were made. The addition of "K9 Breck" to the narcotics enforcement efforts has proven to be an invaluable tool in the Sheriff Offices' continued fight to control narcotics in our area.

## **Sensitive Crimes**

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

## **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, shoplifting and arson. The main objective of the investigator is to determine the identity of the offender & as a result of a thorough investigation, provide a solid case to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

## **Death Investigations**

County Investigators are routinely required to respond to & perform death investigations when a human life unexpectedly expires within the county's jurisdiction. The investigation involves the process of determining the cause, identification, and the manner of death of the victim. There were a total of 14 death investigations in 2014.

# *Special Operations* Division

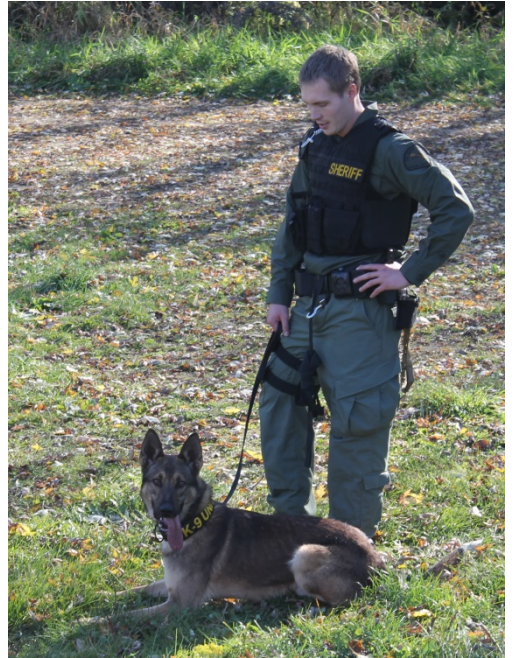
## **Tri-River Special Operations Team**

In 2014, The Tri-River Special Operations Team continued its mission and remained ready for response. The team continues to train monthly and strives to provide swift, effective response to emergency situations throughout Crawford County.

## **Dive Team**

The Crawford County Dive Team currently consists of 7 active members from both the Sheriff's Office & the Prairie du Chien Police Department. Dive Team responds to calls of service along the lines of drownings, property recovery & evidence recovery. In 2014, the Dive Team was utilized in a wide variety of calls throughout the spring, summer and fall. Our main callouts are property recovery, evidence recovery & possible drownings. The Crawford County Dive team is supported by various donations from the community members & local businesses.

# K9 Unit



Through various donations, we are able to provide the community with an added level of protection with a K9 Unit.

A donation of \$16,000 paid for the initial cost of the dog and training. Additional donations paid for equipment and a squad car that is specially fitted for K9 use.

In July, Deputy Joe Breeser traveled to Nashville, North Carolina to meet and train with his new K9 partner, Breck. Breck is a 2 year old Begian Malinois/German Shepard mix, imported from Hungary. The six week (400 hour) narcotics detection training course was through Southern Police Canine Inc. Breck's primary job is detection work, training and officer protection.

Deputy Breeser and K9 Breck has logged 130 training hours. In four months' time, Breck was deployed 48 times. Breck did narcotic detection sniffs in schools, public and municipal buildings. His ability to track for humans has resulted in apprehending a suspect who fled from a residence. That suspect had an active warrant for violent crime.

Breck directly attributed to seizing marijuana during a search warrant. He has alerted to marijuana on traffics stops and seizure of precursor items associated in the manufacturing of Methamphetamine.

# Animal Control Officer

In May of 2014, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office hired Christine (Crisse) Reynolds as a Part Time/On Call Animal Control Officer. Thanks to a grant from the Humane Society of the United States, she was trained as a Humane Officer in September. The Crawford County Board of Supervisors appointed her as the Humane Officer for Crawford County in October. The Animal Control Officer's primary duty is to deal with found dogs & return them to their owners. If the owners can not be found immediately then the dog is held in 1 of the 2 county purchased kennels provided to her until the owner can be located or an appropriate shelter is provided for the unclaimed. A base fee of \$30 for each dog that is taken into custody is collected from the owner upon release. Additional costs may incur depending on mileage, hours & days in Animal Control's care. Dogs who have lost their collars & tags make identifying owners difficult. As part of animal welfare programming, county residents can have their dogs microchipped by Animal Control for \$20. This includes lifetime registration & makes the owner's information readily available. Proceeds from microchip sales benefits Animal Welfare projects within Animal Control.

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Many complaints, such as dogs chasing joggers or attacking another animal, are often resolved by mediating a resolution between parties and/or issuing citations.

Investigating animal neglect or abuse is another major responsibility of the Animal Control Officer. These complaints are handled through education, resource referrals, warnings & follow up. In some cases the owners choose voluntary surrender of animals for re-homing or placement in shelters.

A continuous complaint throughout the county is stray & feral cats. Dozens of cats have been removed from trailer courts & villages. With the funds raised by the Animal Control Officer, many have been altered & released to accepting farms. Others are re-homed and the new owners have taken the responsibility of vaccinating & altering at their own expense. An ongoing program of monthly Trap-Neuter-ReHome clinics for cats has also been adopted.

Relationships have been forged with several area shelters. In 2014, the Crawford Area Shelter for Animals accepted 8 unclaimed dogs from Animal Control. The Coulee Region Humane Society accepted 6 dogs & 4 cats. Members of the Rivers & Bluffs Animal Shelter assisted with the distribution of lost/found flyers published by Animal Control, wrote grants for TNRh & made personal donations to assist with costs of spay/neuter clinics for cats as well as the purchase of needed equipment.

Rabies vaccination & licensing requirement compliance has been increased as well. Southwest Veterinary Services entered into a cooperative agreement where if a claimed dog is not vaccinated against rabies, the Animal Control Officer collects for & issues a vaccination voucher. This voucher can be used in the Prairie du Chien or Seneca offices.

## KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED

Animal Control continuously updates a lost/found flyer & shared with over 25 area veterinarians, shelters & the media. Photos of found animals are also posted on Crawford County Sheriff's Facebook page.

Keeping the public informed will be done in a quarterly newsletter. It will be distributed throughout the county at local gathering places & emailed to contact lists & municipalities.

# Village *Patrol*

## Village Patrol

Three communities took advantage of our Village Patrol program in 2014. A deputy enforces the village ordinances, does business checks and general law enforcement issues. With the assigned deputy working varied days of the week at different hours of the day it detours criminal activity.

## Village of Wauzeka

The Village of Wauzeka speaks positively about village patrol.

To Whom It May Concern,

Since the Village of Wauzeka has contracted services with the Crawford County Sheriff's Department we have noticed a much higher success rate with ordinance compliance and the traffic has slowed throughout town.

The people are more aware of the rules and more eager to comply as an officer in uniform has a stronger effect on the residents than a letter in the mail concerning ordinance violations.

We are extremely pleased with the results of the contract and plan to continue as long as possible.

## Village of Gays Mills

Gays Mills patrol used the full amount of their 2014 budgeted amount of \$5,000. The village increased the budget cap for 2015 and requested extra attention during Apple Fest. Patrol in Gays Mills resulted in the investigation of 40 cases and additional traffic enforcement. Extra foot patrol in the village along with increased business checks were conducted. Deputy Hackett has received very positive feedback from both the community and village board. The Gays Mills Village President, Harry Heisz, has expressed the gratitude of the village board on numerous occasions stating the amount of crime has been deterred since Deputy Hackett has taken on the Village Officer Patrol position. Deputy Hackett states, "While working for Gays Mills I have done a lot of community policing. I participated in their Apple Fest Parade, Apple Festival, and marathons. During Halloween, I increased patrol and gave out candy to children. The community seemed to really enjoy this and it resulted in numerous pictures taken with children in costumes."

## Village of Ferryville

Ferryville has a Village Officer four hours a week. The hours are set at a random schedule between Deputy Hackett and Village Treasurer Larry Quamme. Patrol in Ferryville resulted in the generation of 26 cases, traffic enforcement, and increased patrol. The village has had a positive feedback towards Deputy Hackett and the enforcement of village ordinances that is requested by the village. Crime has gone down since deployment of a village officer and the speeding problem through town has decreased a measurable amount. While working for Ferryville, Deputy Hackett has worked closely with Human Services in welfare investigations.

# Administration Support

## Sheriff Sales

Out of the 21 Sheriff's Sales scheduled in 2014, 14 of them were held. The property either went back to the bank or sold to an outside buyer. Meanwhile, there were 7 sales that were canceled. Posting and/or reposting a sale plus selling the property brought the county a revenue of \$3,000.

## Judgments

Writ of Assistance, 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 24 Executions in 2014:

- Executions Against Property=13
- Writ of Assistance=3
- Writ of Restitution/Eviction=7
- Writ of Replevin=1

Out of the 24 Executions 21 were satisfied with only 3 being unsatisfied.

Revenue	2011	2012	2013	2014
<i>Copy</i>	\$1053	\$896	\$1359	\$1,207
<i>Judgments</i>	\$5,030	\$4,350	\$3655	\$3,580
<i>Civil Process</i>	\$17,936	\$17,170	\$20,680	\$19,765

## Website

In February of 2014 we published our first website. We have gotten positive feedback so far. Please check it out at:  
[www.crawfordcountysheriffwi.org](http://www.crawfordcountysheriffwi.org)

## Fema

Fema reimbursed the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$8,975 for the overtime worked during the Flooding of 2013.

## FaceBook

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office has become more active with reaching out to the public through FaceBook. This has increased our exposure and has helped with Crime Stoppers, Animal Control & Public Relations.





# A Year in Review

Each year brings with it new challenges, new highs & new lows. While we cannot include everything, below are some of the highlights of 2014.

## January

- Emergency Management budget was placed under the control of the Sheriff instead of being a standalone budget.

## February

- The Crawford County Website was published [www.crawfordcountysheriffwi.org](http://www.crawfordcountysheriffwi.org)
- Lt Kurt Wallin's last day as Jail Administrator was 2/28/14. He took a position with the Viroqua Police Dept.

## March

- Upgraded to TraCS 10
- Trained & Certified Part-Time Traffic Deputies receive a pay increase.
- Started using the services of Shred-It; a company that shreds mass amounts of documents right on the spot. We currently have 3 Shred-It boxes on site.

## April

- Sgt. Tim Moran retired on April 1, 2014 after 26 years of service to Crawford County.
- Deputy Steve Wagner was promoted to Traffic Sergeant position.
- Deputy Phil Baumgartner left night traffic & took the open day traffic shift.
- Deputy Kyle Mezera left night jailer and took the open night traffic position.

## May

- Deputy Jim Hackett left night dispatcher to take the open night jail shift.
- Christine Reynolds was hired part time as Crawford County's first Animal Control Officer.

## June

- Sergeant Russell Wittrig was hired as the new Lt. Jail Administrator.
- Rachel Standorf was hired as night dispatcher to replace Ashley Dickman

## July

- Deputy Joe Breeser went to North Carolina to start his 6 week training with K9 "Breck".
- A truck which was used for drug selling activity and valued at \$38,000 was confiscated.
- New light fixtures were installed throughout the building by E3 Coalition. They were purchased through a grant that Lt Kurt Wallin applied for before he left.

## August

- Deputy Phil Baumgartner & Deputy Shawn Lenzendorf switched day/night shifts. Shawn will now work day shift & Phil will go to nights.
- The Music Fest called Country on the River was held in rural Bridgeport.

## September

- On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Deputy Alisha Merwin was promoted to Jail Sergeant.
- Upon return from training, Deputy Joe Breeser & K9 "Breck" began working a 6/3 rotation on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Deputy Jim Hackett left night jail & took Deputy Joe Breeser's open night traffic shift.

## October

- Debit/Credit cards are now accepted through Stellar Tellar to post bonds or add money to an inmates account.

## November

- Sheriff Dale McCullick was re-elected as the Sheriff of Crawford County for his second 4 year term.

## December

- Regulating the Keeping of Animals ordinance was presented and signed by committee. It will be presented at the County Board meeting on December 16, 2014.

# Meet the *Staff* of 2014

## Administration & Support

Wade W. Hutchison, Lieutenant  
Ryan D. Fradette, Lieutenant  
Jaden L. McCullick, Lieutenant  
Russ Wittrig, Lieutenant

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts, Administrative Assistant  
Corrie Lawrence-Valley, Administrative Clerk

## Jailers

## Dispatchers

Teri Rickleff  
Alisha Merwin  
Scott Hurda  
Nate Bremmer

Jessica LaMere  
Kelly Cornell  
Lindsey Redman  
Kyle Mezera

Lindsey Redman  
Lisa Beesecker  
Sandy Dickens  
Ashley Dickman

Tara Harris  
Karl Sander  
Marc Myhre  
Rachel Standorf

## Traffic Officers

## Bailiffs

Sgt. Steve Wagner  
Doug Olson  
Justin Fortney  
Jim Hackett

Phil Baumgartner  
Joe Breeser  
Shawn Lenzendorf  
Cody Mullikin

Gary Knickerbocker  
Lauren Knutson

James Rider  
Lt. Russell Wittrig

## Part Time Jailers, Dispatchers & Traffic Officers

Cody Adams  
Tyler Barr  
Jerry Barrette  
Tabatha Bohland  
Erika Clark  
Casey Cox  
Karen Hallberg  
Matt Haverland  
Tara Henry  
Taylor Henry

Nick Johnston  
Art Knutson  
Alexandria Kress  
Dwight Kusmaul  
Josh Lund  
Jose Miranda  
Christa Morris  
John Moore  
Marc Myhre  
Rhonda Nagel

Erica Neith  
Jorrey Olson  
Morgan Olson  
Emily Pedley-Fecht  
John Rickleff  
Andrew Robbins  
Lynda Schwandt  
Cody Trumm  
Chelsey Wagner  
Kurt Wallin

## Emergency Management

## Animal Control Officer

Roger Martin, Director

Christine (Crisse) Reynolds