

2015  
*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 2015, the Holds brought in revenue of \$30,536 and Extended Supervision generated \$27,378 in revenue.

## DNA Testing

All individuals found guilty of a misdemeanor with an offense date on or after April 1, 2015 are required by Wisconsin state law to provide a reference DNA sample.

## Inmate Meals

In 2015, 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 2015, \$46,276 was spent for 29,664 meals.

Darrell Colsch delivered the meals from 2012 until the end of 2015.

## Fingerprinting

Our Jailers are trained in fingerprinting. The public is able schedule an appointment to have fingerprinting done at no cost.

Huber Law Account	2013	2014	2015
Huber Fees	\$20,545	\$23,200	\$31,848
Prescriptions	\$1,270	\$677	\$801
Inmate Supplies	\$2,106	\$2,374	\$2,016

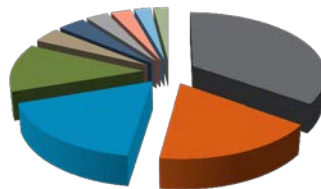
## Emergency Mental Health Services

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 \$1,913.

## Top 10 Jail Admissions in 2015

- Probation/Warrants: 136
- OMVI: 68
- Disorderly Conduct: 68
- Drug Related: 48
- Battery: 15
- Operating w/out License/Suspension: 15
- Bail Jumping: 12
- Contempt: 11
- Theft/Burglary: 9
- Resisting/Obstructing Officer/Justice: 8



## 451 Total Prisoners Booked in 2015

Adult Male: 355  
Adult Female: 92

17 year old Male: 4  
17 year old Female: 0

# Traffic

## Citations Issued

A total of **655** citations were issued during 2015.

## Traffic Crashes

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office had 580 calls for traffic crashes, slide offs hit and runs and car vs deer accidents. There were 5 fatalities resulting from 3 of the accidents.

## Summary of Citations Issued

Speeding	116	Driving w/out Proof of Insurance	70
Seat Belt Violation	62	Drivers License/Registration Related	36
Alcohol Related	81	Driving w/out Insurance	69
Traffic Violation	92	Thefts	22
Drug Related	16	Disorderly Conduct	25
Inattentive Driving	21	Animal Related	2
Resisting/Obstructing Officer	6	Trespassing	7
Truancy	6	IID Tampering	4
Vandalism	6	Misc	14

## Calls for Service

In 2015, the CRSO received 10,597 calls into Dispatch. Of those calls, a total of 2,783 cases were created.

# Grants

Jim Hackett has taken on the roll of a grant writer for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. In 2015, Jim was able to obtain a total of \$81,970.03 in grants for Law Enforcement.

### Bullet Proof Vest Grant

The CRSO was awarded a Bullet Proof Vest grant in the amount of \$3,690.35 This grant will cover 50% of all bullet proof vests that the Sheriff's Office purchases in 2016.

### OWI Task Force Grant

An OWI Task Force grant for \$22,365 was granted to the CRSO. This grant money was used towards Deputy overtime while working the grant and to update radar units in squad cars.

In October 2015, an extension for the OWI Task Force to continue through 2016, was obtained. This grant was for \$15,063.84.

### BNSF Grant

A BNSF private foundation grant was obtained in 2015 in the amount of \$4,045.86. The money from the BNSF grant was put towards the purchase of Body Cameras for all full time Sheriff's Deputies.

### DOT Grants

The CRSO was also awarded grant monies from DOT grants. Among those were, the Interlock Ignition Device grant in the amount of \$14,994.10, Distracted Driving Task Force for \$7,810.88, Speed Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$5,000 and a Click It or Ticket grant for \$5,000.

### Equipment Grant

With the assistance of Sgt. Phil Baumgartner, a \$4,000 equipment grant from the Governor's Conference was awarded to the CRSO. A radar unit was purchased with the money received from the Equipment Grant.

# *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** – *by Lt. Jaden McCullick*

In 2015, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office conducted approximately 100 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 50 arrests and/or citation were made. After the addition of "K9 Breck" to the narcotics enforcement team in 2014, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office has been able to expand the efforts of our investigations through a new skill set afforded to us by the K-9 team. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office will continue to fight the war on illegal narcotics within our county and strive to keep our communities safe.

## **Sensitive Crimes** – *by Lt. Ryan Fradette*

The Sensitive Crime 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.

## **Property Crimes** – *by Lt. Wade Hutchison*

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** – *by Lt. Wade Hutchison*

County Investigators are routinely required to respond to & perform death investigations. The investigation involves the process of determining the cause, identification, and the manner of death of the victim. There were a total of 10 death investigations in 2015.

# *Special* **Operations** *Division*

## **Tri-River Special Operations Team** – *by Lt. Jaden McCullick*

In 2015, The Tri-River Special Operations Team continued its mission and remained ready for response. Our monthly trainings have proven successful as our team continues to grow stronger and better equipped to handle a number of different situations through swift, effective response to emergency situations throughout Crawford and neighboring counties if needed.

# K-9 *Unit*

Breck logged 193 training hours and deployed 153 times in 2015.

The training he receives directly helped in the seizure of:

- (27) grams of marijuana
- (2) bags of methamphetamine
- (2) methamphetamine paraphernalia smoking devices
- (1) methamphetamine scale
- (3) marijuana plants,
- (1) suspected psilocybin mushroom
- (1) suspected LSD strip
- (6) marijuana paraphernalia items
- (1) firearm which was in the possession of a felon
- (1) burglary tools
- (1) concealed "bath salts" intended to be sold as methamphetamine
- (28) grams of marijuana on a search warrant

In 2015, Breck was able to track a suicidal female who walked into the woods from her residence.

Throughout the year, Deputy Breeser and Breck were also able to assist Prairie du Chien, Monona, Guttenberg and Boscobel Police Departments. Along with Vernon, Clayton and Grant County Sheriff's Departments.

Deputy Breeser and Breck also are involved with the community. Demonstrations were given to 4-H Clubs, Girl Scouts, Rotary Club, the local library, and the Pet Expo. They also did six school searches throughout the year.

These are just a few examples of how the K9 Unit duties reflect its importance to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Submitted by: Deputy Joe Breeser

# Village *Patrol*

## **Villages of Gays Mills & Ferryville**

Deputy Jim Hackett was responsible for village patrol in Gays Mills and Ferryville. In June, when he was named Emergency Management Director, Part time Deputy Taylor Henry then assumed the duties of the Village Patrol Officer.

Ferryville 146 hours \$5,093

Gays Mills 103 hours \$3,605

## **Village of Wauzeka**

Submitted by: Village Clerk and Deputy Cody Mullikin

Wauzeka has a total budget of \$4,500 for the year of 2015. Approximately \$4,585 was used in 2015 for law enforcement patrol.

Patrol in Wauzeka resulted in the investigation of 41 additional cases and increased traffic enforcement. The Village of Wauzeka had 162 cases in 2015. Deputy Mullikin handled approximately 1/3 of the cases in the Village of Wauzeka.

Wauzeka had 1,223 calls for service to the Sheriff's Department. Some of these numbers are as followed; 44 animal complaints, 29 disorderly conduct, 15 harassment, 23 motorist assists, 33 suspicious activity, 11 welfare checks, 20 thefts, 19 assist citizens, 19 911 hang ups, 56 vehicle accidents, 21 informational, 26 traffic complaints.

Deputy Mullikin works three hours a week in the Village and 2 hours a week at the Wauzeka-Steuben School. While at the school, Deputy Mullikin assists with any misconduct they have by students. He also assists with Law Enforcement presentations such as mock accidents, drug information, internet crime, drunk driving & K-9. Deputy Mullikin has been able to build rapport with students and teachers who live in the village and assists in patrol tactics & information gathering. Deputy Mullikin is able to use resources within the school which allows him to assist deputies in cases around the Village.

# Animal Control officer

The Animal Control Program of the Sheriff's Office celebrated their first year with a community event and fundraiser. Titled "Spay, Neuter – Don't Litter!" many volunteers served a soup supper and baked potato bar for a free will offering. Local business donated plenty of great raffle prizes as well as the food served. Also, featured were informational tables highlighting the many projects of Animal Control and live music. The November event raised just over \$2,000 which is used to promote spaying and neutering of pets, and assist residents with the costs on a sliding scale. Dozens of cats were spayed and neutered in 2015, putting a dent in the number of unwanted litters showing up in the county.

The Animal Control Officer, Crisse Reynolds, has been actively micro-chipping pets, which aids in their return when picked up as stray or lost. At an affordable \$20 per dog or cat, many county residents have taken advantage of this benefit. Proceeds benefit animal welfare programs in the county.

Social media has been a tremendous asset in returning the many found dogs and cats to their owners. Using the Crawford County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, owners come forward in as little as one minute from the time of the posting. An email network of over 45 media outlets, shelters, veterinarians and community leaders in the tri-state area also helps spread the work of found animals. In 2015, over 100 cases of found and surrendered animals, some involving multiple animals, were handled by Animal Control. Through a strong partnership with the Coulee Region Humane Society the unclaimed adoptable pets were transferred to their care where they were given medical care and adopted into a new home.

In addition to being the intake center for Crawford County's stray animals, the Animal Control Officer, who holds state Humane Officer certification, also handles complaints of neglected or abused animals. Working with veterinarians, the goal is to educate the owners in proper care and improve the living conditions of all pets and livestock. In cases where there was no basis for complaint, the Officer handles the situation respectfully and makes positive public contact with the owners.

With the addition of two fill-in Animal Control Officers, more calls can be immediately answered when Crisse Reynolds is not available. With the addition of purchased and donated kennels and crates, several animals can be safely accommodated at one time until the owners arrive or the unclaimed are transferred to a humane society.

Crisse can be reached at 608.734.3126. The dispatch center can also have her paged or contact a back-up Animal Control Officer to respond to emergent situations.

## 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.

Submitted by: Christine Reynolds

# Emergency Management



## **Roger's Farewell Message to Everyone**

All:

*As my time of employment grows shorter, it becomes a bit harder to let go. I truly enjoyed my position and will miss all your smiling faces.*

*It has been a great 15 years working with each and every one of you. I not only worked with great professionals, but made some lifelong friendships.*

*My last official day is Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>.*

*I wish Jim Hackett all the best and have no doubt he will do a great job. He has the commitment and enthusiasm that will add a great deal to Emergency Management.*

*Thanks again for a great 15 years!*

*Stay Safe!!*

*Roger*

## **ESF Plan**

Emergency Management has updated all of its Emergency Response Plans and had the appropriate department heads sign off on each plan stating they understood and accepted them.

## **EPCRA**

The Emergency Management Office has presented the EPCRA countywide strategic Plan to the LEPC committee. The strategic plan includes promulgation statement, hazard analysis, hazmat response capability, and process for maintaining or increasing hazmat emergency response capability.

## **LEPC**

All LEPC documents were published and LEPC membership list was updated. The LEPC public notification of committee activities, meetings, and comments for public viewing. The Crawford County Emergency Management has maintained procedures for receiving and processing public requests.

## **Off-Site Plans**

In 2015, there were 4 facilities in Crawford County that had a Off-Site Hazmat Response plans.

Each facility reviewed the EPCRA Hazardous Materials Response Plans that were prepared for them. The Facility Coordinator for each facility signed off stating that to the best of their knowledge all facility information is true, accurate and complete and is consistent with on-site facility procedures.

## **Training**

Crawford County Emergency Management Director, Jim Hackett, attended introduction to WEM, IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System and IS-139 Exercise design.

Jim was also able to attend the All-County and Tribal Directors meeting in October of 2015 and DATCP tabletop on December 17, 2015.

## **Disaster**

All tasks have been performed for disasters that have occurred. Crawford County did encounter a T-0 tornado that state aid was requested for.

## **Meetings:**

Jim Hackett attended all regional meetings and oversight committee meetings.

He also attended all fire association meetings and majority of EMS association meetings.

Submitted by: Jim Hackett

# Administration *Support*

## 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 23 Executions in 2015:

- Executions Against Property=4
- Writ of Assistance=9
- Writ of Restitution/Eviction=9
- Writ of Attachment=1

Satisfied Executions were 21

Partially satisfied Executions were 2.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Copy	\$896	\$1,359	\$1,207	\$1164
Judgments	\$4,350	\$3,655	\$3,580	\$3,291
Paper Service	\$17,170	\$20,680	\$19,765	\$20,820

## Sheriff Sales

Sheriff sales are conducted at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday (excluding County recognized holidays) on the West Steps of the Crawford County. All sales can be viewed on the Sheriff's Office website. Posting and selling the property brought the county a revenue of \$4,809.

## Website

In 2015, we had a total of 20,805 visitors to our website. During the month of June we announced the opening positions of both a Jailer and the Emergency Management Director.

This resulted in being our highest month with over 3,000 visits.

Please check it out at:  
[www.crawfordcountysheriffwi.org](http://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. We have also used Facebook to announce open positions within the Department. This has aided in a higher exposure and more applications submitted.



# Mach *(Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling)*

Mach, a new computer system, has been installed in all squad cars and at dispatch. The system allows dispatch to see where all the Sheriff Department cars are located at any time during their shift and likewise allows the deputies to see where other officers are within the county. Instant messages can be sent between dispatch and patrol units and the patrol units can send messages to each other. A \$4,000 Click It or Ticket grant was used to purchase wireless and GPS boosters to run the MACH program.



# The 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 2015.

## January

- Dale McCullick was sworn in for his second term as Crawford County Sheriff.
- Deputy Phil Baumgartner was promoted to Night Traffic Sergeant.

## February

- The Sheriff's Office requested to opt out of the borrowing for updating the communication equipment reducing general obligation bonding by \$110,500. In 2014, the department was under budget and that money could fund the communication project.

## March

- Vest-A-Dog donated a bullet proof vest to Breck.

## April

- Deputy Kyle Mezera initiated a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle & discovered that the man was linked to a series of burglaries.

## May

- GED Program was re-established for inmates.
- \$500 Law Enforcement scholarships were given to Jonah Huber and Jamee McCullick,

## June

- Jim Hackett took the position of Emergency Management Director.
- Deputy Teri Rickleff retired after 16 years of service.

## July

- Counterfeit money was being distributed in the area.

## August

- Emergency Management Director, Roger Martin officially retires.

## September

- Dwight Kussmaul and Alexandria Kress were hired for the two open night jailer positions.

## October

- Deputy Emily Pedley Fecht was hired as night time dispatcher.

## November

- Interlock Ignition Device (IID) Compliance checks were initiated due to grant monies received.

## December

- Emergency Management have received updates from the National Weather Service. Flood warnings for the Kickapoo River at Soldiers Grove, Gays Mills and Steuben.
- Through the teamwork of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Prairie du Chien Police Department and the Clayton County Sheriff's Office, a man was arrested for a series of burglaries that occurred throughout November.

# Meet the *Staff* of 2015

## Administration & Support

Wade W. Hutchison, Lieutenant - 8 yrs.  
 Ryan D. Fradette, Lieutenant - 11 yrs.  
 Jaden L. McCullick, Lieutenant - 6 yrs.  
 Russell S. Wittrig, Lieutenant - 14 yrs.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts,  
 Administrative Assistant - 35 yrs.  
 Corrie Lawrence-Valley,  
 Administrative Clerk - 3 yrs.

## Jailers

Alisha Merwin-16 yrs.  
 Scott Hurda-15 yrs.  
 Nate Bremmer-7 yrs.  
 Alexandria Kress

Jessica LaMere-11 yrs.  
 Kelly Cornell-8 yrs.  
 Lindsey Redman-15 yrs.  
 Dwight Kussmaul

## Dispatchers

Lisa Beesecker-14 yrs.  
 Sandy Dickens-1 yr.  
 Emily Pedley Fecht

Karl Sander-3 yrs.  
 Marc Myhre-1 yr.  
 Rachel Standorf-1 yr.

## Traffic Officers

Sgt. Steve Wagner - 25 yrs.  
 Doug Olson -19 yrs.  
 Justin Fortney -16 yrs.  
 Shawn Lenzendorf -3 yrs.  
 Sgt. Phil Baumgartner-10 yrs.  
 Joe Breeser -3 yrs.  
 Cody Mullikin -4 yrs.  
 Kyle Mezera -2 yrs.

## Bailiffs

Gary Knickerbocker  
 Lauren Knutson  
 James Rider  
 Lt. Russell Wittrig  
 Cody Trumm

## Part Time Jailers, Dispatchers & Traffic Officers

Cody Adams  
 Tyler Barr  
 Jerry Barrette  
 Tabatha Bohland  
 Erika Clark  
 Casey Cox  
 Tara Henry

Art Knutson  
 Josh Lund  
 Jose Miranda  
 Christa Morris  
 John Moore  
 Rhonda Nagel  
 Taylor Henry

Erica Neith  
 Jorrey Olson  
 Andrew Robbins  
 Cody Trumm  
 Chelsey Wagner  
 Kurt Wallin  
 Nate Birdsell

## Emergency Management

Roger Martin, Director-15 yrs.  
 Jim Hackett, Director

## Animal Control Officer

Christine (Crisse) Reynolds-1 yr.