

2018 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

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.

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 back to prison. The county receives \$51.46 per day per inmate on these holds. In 2018, Extended Supervision Sanctions generated \$65,727 in revenue.

Inmate Meals

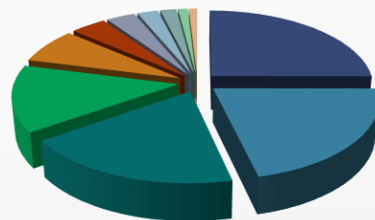
Aramark continues to furnish the meals for the inmates. A sack lunch is provided to inmates while their breakfast and evening meal are hot. A contracted driver, Mike Atkinson, drives to and from Viroqua to deliver meals to our jail. The cost of each meal is \$1.56. In 2018, \$59,325 was spent for 38,029 meals.

Electronic Monitoring

Electronic monitoring was offered to two individuals in 2018 that were initially housed in the jail. The inmates are responsible for the cost of hooking up the monitor and upkeep. They are required to stay in their home and only with prior permission can go to appointments like doctor visits. There is no cost to the county and by allowing inmates with high medical costs to be on a monitor there is essentially no expense to the CRSO Jail.

Top Jail Admissions in 2018

- Probation/Warrants: 136
- Drug Related: 116
- OMVI: 102
- Disorderly Conduct: 75
- Contempt: 40
- Bail Jumping: 22
- Operating w/out License/Suspension: 18
- Theft/Burglary: 13
- Resisting/Obstructing Officer/Justice: 10
- Battery: 6
- Damage to Property: 5



599 Total Prisoners Booked in 2018

Adult Males: 445 17 year old Males: 7
 Adult Females: 146 17 year old Females: 1

Advanced Correctional Healthcare

The Advanced Correctional Healthcare contract with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office started in December of 2017. ACH is to provide correctional healthcare services to inmates 10 hours per week. An ACH nurse does an assessment of new inmates within the first 14 days they are in jail, as required by state statute, fills medication boxes and responds to inmate medical requests. A physician's assistant, who is also employed by ACH & oversees the regular nurse, visits every 2 weeks to review charts & see inmates. She is also contacted when new inmates are booked in with medications or medical conditions.

Huber Law Account	2017	2018
Huber Fees	\$54,545	\$29,512
Prescriptions	\$1,200	\$122
Inmate Supplies	\$3,975	\$2,953

Traffic

Citations Issued

A total of **730** citations were issued during 2018.

Summary of Citations Issued

Speeding	141	Drivers License/Registration Related	137
Alcohol Related	70	Drug Related	70
Driving w/out Insurance	58	Traffic Violation	64
Driving w/out Proof of Insurance	33	Disorderly Conduct	15
Thefts	35	Seat Belt Violation	16
Inattentive Driving	18	Trespassing	17
Resisting/Obstructing Officer	6	Failure to Notify Police	11
Animal Related	10	IID Tampering	11
Worthless Checks	5	Truancy	2
Meddling/Destruction/Damage to Property	7	Fail to Stop/Illegal Passing of School Bus	4

Calls for Service

In 2018, the CRSO received 11,342 calls into Dispatch. Of those calls, a total of 2,342 cases were created for Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Traffic Crashes

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office had 336 calls for traffic crashes, hit & runs, car vs deer and slide offs. Cases are no longer being created for minor car vs deer crashes where no deputy is being dispatched. There were 3 fatalities in 2018.

Special Operations *Division*

Tri-River Special Operations Team

by Lt. Jaden McCullick

In 2018, 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.

Criminal **Investigations** *Division*

Narcotics

by Lt. Jaden McCullick

In 2018, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office conducted many narcotic related investigations involving various different types of illegal narcotic use and distribution, including Methamphetamine, Heroin, Cocaine, Marijuana, and prescription medication abuse. As a result of these investigations, arrests were made and/or citation were issued. Deputy Joe Breeser & his K-9 partner "Breck" have developed greatly as a team and have proven themselves to be an invaluable asset to our continued battle against the illegal use and distribution of narcotics throughout our county. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office continues to fight the war on illegal narcotics within our county and strives to keep our communities safe.

Death Investigations

by Lt. Wade Hutchison

County Investigators are routinely required to respond to & perform death investigations. The investigation involves the process of determining the identification, and determining the cause and manner of death of the victim. There were a total of 27 death investigations in 2018.

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, identity 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.

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.

K-9 *Unit*

Break down of 2018 deployments:

(65) Vehicle narcotic detection sniffs
School related narcotic detection sniffs- Schools included North Crawford, Boscobel, Postville, Seneca, Lancaster, Desoto, Waukon, MFL Mar Mac, Wauzeka and North Clayton Ridge.
Residence narcotic detection sniffs
Other Narcotic Sniffs: Halfway House and Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution
Demonstrations for the public or private organizations. During these demonstrations K-9 Breck is presented and Deputy Breeser speaks about the ability, usage and benefits of a K-9 unit in our community.

K-9 Breck, on vehicle sniffs, directly or attributed to the seizure of:

- (4.11) Ounces or (117.3) Grams of Marijuana
- (0.6) Ounces or (14.75) grams of Methamphetamine
- (2) Schedule II Narcotics
- (1) Heroin Needle
- Apprehend a fleeing felony suspect hiding in a swamp
- Residence Search Warrant
- Article detection sniff for another agency
- Assisted WI State Patrol, Vernon County & Prairie du Chien Police Department with vehicle sniffs

K-9 Breck has attributed to the following charges:

- Possession with intent to deliver marijuana (3)
- Possession of methamphetamine (13)
- Possession of marijuana (38)
- Possession of scheduled II narcotics (3)
- Burglaries (4)
- OWI-with restricted controlled substance (19)
- OWI-Alcohol (11)



Deputy Joe Breeser



Deputy K9 Breck



Law Enforcement

Grants & Donations

In 2018, Jim Hackett, Emergency Management Director, was able to obtain several LE Grants.

Safe Ride Program

The CRSO was awarded a Safe Ride Program grant from the DOT in the amount of \$1,000 for the Crawford County Fair.

IID Grant

An Ignition Interlock Device (IID) grant from the State of WI DOT for \$62,491.20 was granted to the CRSO and was used towards Deputy overtime.

Equipment Grant

Radars & LED road flairs were able to be purchased from an equipment grant for \$4,000 from the DOT.

BPVP Grant

\$19,320 was granted to CRSO to cover 50% of all Ballistic vests.

Mississippi River Regional Planning

A pre-disaster mitigation planning grant in the amount of \$40,000 was contracted through the Mississippi River Regional Planning to update our multi-hazard mitigation plan.

All of the above numbers included our local match which was a "soft" match. It was covered by regular time. Worked by road Deputies, Dispatch, and Emergency Management during the grant deployment time. Using a soft match made it so the full above amount did not create any extra costs for the Sheriff's Office.

Village *Patrol*

Village of Wauzeka - Submitted by: Village Clerk and Deputy Cody Mullikin

Wauzeka had a total budget of \$4500 for the year of 2018. Approximately \$3,780 was used in 2018 for Law Enforcement patrol.

The Village of Wauzeka had 152 cases in 2018. Wauzeka had 776 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office. Some of these numbers are as follows; 17 disorderly conduct, 13 motorist assists, 11 suspicious activities, 21 welfare checks, 24 traffic complaints, 23 municipal violations and 130 Traffic Stops. All numbers in 2018 and very close to what they were in 2017. Majority of Village issues are Dogs At Large/Barking and Junk Vehicles. Traffic enforcement was also a primary goal near the school and ends of town.

In 2018, we came in second place attempting to obtain a Grant for our own Speed Boards. In 2019 we expect to reapply with preference for the same grant. Deputy Mullikin has worked with Village Officials and was able to create and order official parking citations for the Village. This process was started in 2018 and as of February 2019 Parking Tickets were issued in the Village and were enforced by citations other than just verbal warnings.

Deputy Mullikin currently works 3 hours a week in the Village. Deputy Mullikin also worked 2 hours a week at the Wauzeka-Steuben School. In 2018, Deputy Mullikin worked January to June for the 2017-18 school year. After that school year, a full time school resource officer was started in Crawford County and Deputy Mullikin was relieved of his school duties.

School Resource Officer

Deputy Liz Volten was hired as Crawford County's full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) in September 2018. Prior to accepting the position with Crawford County Sheriff's Office Liz was a School Resource Officer at a middle school in Florence, SC. Her goal is to reduce criminal activity within the schools and build strong relationships with the students and staff. She hopes her presence in the schools will reduce fear and stereotypes of law enforcement.



The School Resource Officer's position oversees North Crawford K-12, Seneca K-12, and Wauzeka-Steuben K-12. Her time is split during the week between the three schools; visiting one to two schools a day. Deputy Volten spends time with kids in the classroom and helps them with assignments. She plays with the kids during gym and recess, plays tether ball, pushes the kids on the swings or plays cops and robbers (she always gets stuck being the robber). Liz also sits down with the kids at lunch, chats with them and tries to answer all their burning questions. Their conversations consist of current trends, internet safety, dating or life in general. All this is done to build a good rapport with kids, create a safe environment to confide in her and create learning scenarios within the conversations.

Deputy Volten handled a variety of calls in 2018 throughout the three schools. She documented 32 incidents from September to December. Examples of the calls were: possession of tobacco, theft, inappropriate pictures, truancy, fighting, mental health, child abuse or just typical teen drama. Not every call required a report or resulted in criminal charges. When the School Resource Officer gets involved with a criminal incident several factors are taken into consideration. Many times incidents were referred to Teen Court. Teen Court is where the student who committed a crime, goes in front of a jury of their peers. The jury will read the incident report and discuss the matter. From there, the jury will assign the student a consequence or consequences to be completed within a determined amount of time. When the student successfully completes their consequences, the criminal charge will be wiped from their record and the student gets a fresh start.

Animal Control officer

Animal Control continued to work directly with Towns and Villages to correct issues related to dogs running at large as well as stray cats. In cases where owner compliance could not be gained for keeping dogs on property according to county ordinance, citations were issued. A number of nuisance dogs were removed from municipalities. The incidence of feral cats was reduced in areas of interest through trapping. Several local officials made their appreciation known to Sheriff McCullick through letters and monetary donations to the program. Pet owners reunited with their dogs and cats also showed their appreciation in the same manners.

With the addition of the Rivers and Bluffs Animal Shelter (RABAS) to the Prairie du Chien area, Animal Control was able to reduce transfer costs of dogs and cats. While the Coulee Region Humane Society was still utilized in one or two instances, the majority of unclaimed dogs and cats were given shelter, veterinary care and new homes through both RABAS and the Crawford Area Shelter for Animals (CASA.) Saving time spent on the road taking animals to Prairie du Chien instead of Onalaska for transfer, as well as gas and maintenance costs to the Animal Control vehicle, was a great benefit to the department. Animal Control has also forged relationships with other animal welfare organizations around the state.

Crise has received on-going education through organizations such as the ASPCA and the Humane Society of the United States. Large-scale livestock cruelty investigation training was attended which included two days of interactive animal handling for a wide variety of livestock at the UW of River Falls.

Rabies vaccination compliance for dog owners was emphasized and enforced. By educating pet owners on the reason for this requirement, as well as other care needs for a variety of animals from companion pets to livestock, the health and well-being of animals was improved.

Animal Control continues to offer services such as trapping of nuisance cats for relocation, re-homing of pets, micro-chipping of dogs, and animal care education. Crise has continued to make community presentations on request by any local group or organization. By sharing information about Animal Control with county members, many more residents have availed themselves of these services.

Animal Control looks forward to 2019 with additional opportunities to serve the people and animal populations of Crawford County.

Submitted by: Christine Reynolds

Emergency Management

ERP

The Crawford County Emergency Response Plan (ERP), includes transportation, communications, public works & engineering, firefighting, emergency management, human services, resource support, public health, urban search and rescue, hazmat, agriculture, energy, public safety, long term recovery, external affairs, phone lists, and mass fatality. This was updated and approved.

LEPC & EPCRA

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met quarterly & discussed issues in the county that had to do with emergency planning. The meetings were posted publicly & are open to the public. The off-site plans of Cabela's and Walmart, Centurylink, 3M were updated with any revisions, signed by each entity and brought to the LEPC meeting for approved. An updated members list was also approved and sent into the State of WI EM.

TABLETOP EXERCISES & TRAININGS

Jim helped plan, administer and participated as the Crawford County Emergency Director role in a full-scale active shooter training for school staff, EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement. He also participated in a workshop at the local hospital for dialysis.

OUTREACH

Materials were handed out for the STEP program in 4 schools and was administered in Crawford County. Three different radio interviews on Q94 about EPCRA awareness, winter weather safety & awareness and severe weather were conducted in 2018. The Emergency Management office also used printed media to promote EPCRA awareness and LEPC.

Crawford County participated in the State-wide Tornado Drill. Jim organized Red Cross and Catholic Charity responses to anyone affected by natural disaster including fire and flooding.

TRAININGS & MEETINGS

Crawford County Director, James Hackett attended many trainings and meetings in 2018. A few of the training included: G-290 Basic PIO training at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, National Weather Service for Storm Spotter training hosted by CRSO Emergency Management, Introduction to Public-Private Partnerships, Introduction to Debris Management, Introduction to Individual Assistance, & Local Damage Assessment trainings.

All required regional meetings, oversight committee meetings (unless excused), All County & Tribal Directors meeting, EM Governor's Conference, Hazard Mitigation meetings, FEMA meetings, and reports to both LEPC and Public Safety Meetings were attended by Jim. He also made all Highway Safety Meetings, County Fire Associations meetings, EMS Association Meetings.

GRANTS

EMPG Grant

To support the functions of Crawford County Emergency Management \$27,296.00

EPCRA Grant

To support the functions of Crawford County Emergency Management and the Emergency Planning Right to Know Act. \$6,583.00

Hazmat Grant

To Purchase equipment to support the Four County Hazmat Team. \$10,577 (includes \$2,500 match)

HAZARDOUS SPILLS & FEDERAL DISASTERS

Emergency Management Office responded to 11 Hazardous Spills in 2018.

Situation reports, damage assessment reports & UDSR reports were submitted as they were due. A declaration was given to Crawford County for both Individual Assistance and Public Assistance through FEMA due to major flooding throughout the county.

Sand bags, swift water rescue teams, Red Cross shelters, and the village/township FEMA responses to the Presidential declared disasters was coordinated by CRSO Emergency Management.

Administration *Support*

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 16 Executions in 2018:

- Executions Against Property=4
- Writ of Assistance=1
- Writ of Eviction=9
- Writ of Replevin=2

Satisfied Executions were 16

Unsatisfied Executions were 0

Partially Satisfied Execution was 0

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 \$1,500.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Judgments	\$3,580	\$3,291	\$2,060	\$2,430	\$2,663
Paper Service	\$19,765	\$20,820	\$17,566	\$13,231	\$11,460

Facebook

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

Crawford County Sheriff's Office Website

We received a total of 71,956 visitors to our website in 2018. Most users are finding us through Google search or through our Facebook page. On an average almost 200 people visit our site daily and almost 6000 monthly.

You can visit our site at: www.crawfordcountysheriffwi.org

Lexipol

Lexipol is a web-based, user-friendly system which offers state-specific policy manuals. The CRSO is able to review each policy and form it to fit our department. Lexipol

manages and alerts us to any changes that need to be made. Employees are required to read the policy, which is time & date stamped, upon completion. Deputies also have access to those manuals at any time. All of the CRSO is now using Lexipol.



Meet the *Staff* of 2018

Administration & Support

Wade Hutchison, Lieutenant – 11 yrs.
Ryan Fradette, Lieutenant – 14 yrs.

Jaden McCullick, Lieutenant – 10 yrs.
Russell Wittrig, Lieutenant – 17 yrs.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts, Administrative Assistant – 39 yrs.
Corrie Lawrence Valley, Administrative Clerk – 6 yrs.

Jailers

Sgt. Alisha Merwin–19 yrs. Jessica LaMere–14 yrs.
Scott Hurda-18 yrs. Kelly Cornell–11 yrs.
Nate Bremmer-10 yrs. Emily Pedley Fecht-3 yrs.
Alexandria Udelhofen-3 yrs. Dwight Kussmaul-3 yrs.

Dispatchers

Lisa Beesecker-17 yrs. Karl Sander-6 yrs.
Sandy Klema-4 yrs. Marc Myhre-4 yrs.
Angie Martin-1 yr. Melissa Smith-1 yr.

Traffic Officers

Sgt. Steve Wagner –28 yrs. Sgt Phil Baumgartner-13 yrs.
Doug Olson -22 yrs. Joe Breeser -6 yrs.
Justin Fortney -19 yrs. Cody Mullikin -5 yrs.
Shawn Lenzendorf -6 yrs. Kyle Mezera -5 yrs.

Bailiffs

Lauren Knutson
James Rider
Lt. Russell Wittrig

Part Time Jailers, Dispatchers & Traffic Officers

Farshaun Ardestani
Blake Bender
Jerry Barrette
Tony Berg
Nate Birdsill
Tabatha Bohland
Casey Cox
Erin Kinley

Elizabeth LaHaie
Jeremy Lessard
Josh Lund
Danielle Merry-Love
Jose Miranda
Rhonda Nagel
Gunner Pitzer
Marcus Ploessl

Michelle Routt
Tabitha Steiber
Travis Strnad
Cody Trumm
Chelsey Wagner
Kurt Wallin
Jordan Walker

Emergency Management

Jim Hackett, Director -3 yrs.

School Resource Officer

Elizabeth Volten

Animal Control Officer

Christine (Crisse) Reynolds-4 yrs.
Brian Reynolds Christopher Reynolds