

# Office of The Sheriff Marinette County Wisconsin

**Sheriff Jerome T. Sauve**



**“Convenience Store Burglars Caught  
After 2- Day Chase”  
“Officer Involved Fatal Shooting”**

## **2017 Annual Report**

**“Keeping the peace since 1879”**

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# SHERIFFS OF MARINETTE COUNTY

1879-1880 J.J. Sherman  
 1880-1882 Jeremiah O’Leary  
 1882-1885 J.J. Mc Gillis  
 1885-1887 James L. Murphy  
 1887-1889 Patrick Clifford  
 1889-1891 James L. Murphy  
 1891-1893 Robert Hitchon  
 1893-1895 James L. Murphy  
 1895-1897 Robert Hitchon  
 1897-1899 Thomas W. Brown  
 1899-1901 B.C. Nelson  
 1901-1903 James L. Murphy  
 1903-1905 J.K. Setright  
 1905-1907 Thomas W. Brown  
 1907-1909 Joseph Seibel  
 1909-1911 Charles F. Smith  
 1911-1913 A.E. Schwittay  
 1913-1915 C.A. Budlong  
 1915-1917 Albert H. Holquist  
 1917-1919 Michael Hallen  
 1919-1921 Albert H. Holquist  
 1921-1923 John H. Doberstein



1923-1925 Oscar Dahl  
 1925-1927 Albert H. Holquist  
 1927-1929 Oscar Dahl  
 1929-1933 Lester B. Lindsay  
 1933-1937 Otto C. Topel  
 1937-1941 Arthur Woulf  
 1941-1945 Marriner Kohlman  
 1945-1947 Edward O’Hearon  
 1947-1951 Donald W. John  
 1951-1955 James A. Spangler  
 1955-1959 Marriner Kohlman  
 1959-1961 James A. Spangler  
 1961-1963 Marriner Kohlman  
 1963-1964 Raymond E. Mattison  
 1965-1971 Donald A. Witt  
 1971-1979 Earl L. Wagner  
 1979-1988 Joseph M. Larson  
 1989-1992 Robert M. Harbick  
 1993-2000 James J. Kanikula  
 2001-2006 Michael Kessler  
 2007-2010 James J. Kanikula  
 2011- Jerome T. Sauve

**CODE OF ETHICS OF  
THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

*As a constitutionally elected Sheriff, I recognize and accept that I am given a special trust and confidence by the citizens and employees whom I have been elected to serve, represent and manage. This trust and confidence is my bond to ensure that I shall behave and act according to the highest personal and professional standards. In furtherance of this pledge, I will abide by the following Code of Ethics.*

**I SHALL ENSURE** that I and my employees, in the performance of our duties, will enforce and administer the law according to the standards of the U.S. Constitution and applicable State Constitutions and statutes so that equal protection of the law is guaranteed to everyone. To that end I shall not permit personal opinions, party affiliations, or consideration of the status of others to alter or lessen this standard of treatment of others.

**I SHALL ESTABLISH, PROMULGATE AND ENFORCE** a set of standards of behavior of my employees which will govern the overall management and operation of the law enforcement functions, court related activities, and corrections operations of my agency.

**I SHALL NOT TOLERATE NOR CONDONE** brutal or inhumane treatment of others by my employees nor shall I permit or condone inhumane or brutal treatment of inmates in my care and custody.

**I STRICTLY ADHERE** to standards of fairness and integrity in the conduct of campaigns for election and I shall conform to all applicable statutory standards of election financing and reporting so that the Office of the Sheriff is not harmed by the actions of myself or others.

**I SHALL ROUTINELY CONDUCT** or have conducted an internal and external audit of the public funds entrusted to my care and publish this information so that citizens can be informed about my stewardship of these funds.

**I SHALL FOLLOW** the accepted principles of efficient and effective administration and management as the principle criteria for my judgments and decisions in the allocation of resources and services in law enforcement, court related and corrections functions of my Office.

**I SHALL HIRE AND PROMOTE** only those employees or others who are the very best candidates for a position according to accepted standards of objectivity and merit. I shall not permit other factors to influence hiring or promotion practices.

**I SHALL ENSURE** that all employees are granted and receive relevant training supervision in the performance of their duties so that competent and excellent service is provided by the Office of the Sheriff.

**I SHALL ENSURE** that during my tenure as Sheriff, I shall not use the Office of Sheriff for private gain.

**I ACCEPT AND WILL ADHERE TO THIS CODE OF ETHICS.** In so doing, I also accept responsibility for encouraging others in my profession to abide by this Code.

**MARINETTE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF  
JEROME T. SAUVE, SHERIFF**

**PRIDE HONOR INTEGRITY COURAGE KNOWLEDGE**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Protect and Serve all the Citizens and Visitors of Marinette County.  
Preserve the Peace, Prevent Crime and Disorder.  
This must be done with Honor, Integrity, and the Highest Ethical Standards  
to Maintain Public Confidence.**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**The committee meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month at 1:15 p.m.  
Law Enforcement Center, 2161 University Drive, Marinette, WI**

**KEN KELLER - CHAIR**

**CHERYL WRUK – VICE CHAIR**

**MICHAEL BEHNKE**

**PAUL GUSTAFSON**

**GEORGE KLOPPENBURG**

**Traffic Safety Commission: meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in February, May, August  
& November at 10:00 a.m., 2161 University Drive, Marinette, WI 54143.  
County Board Member: Russ Bauer**

**911 User Committee: meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in February, May, August &  
November at 3:30 p.m., 2161 University Drive, Marinette, WI 54143.  
County Board Member: Ken Keller**

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee: quarterly meetings January,  
April, July and October, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month, at 8:00 a.m., 1926 Hall  
Avenue, Marinette, WI 54143.  
County Board Member: Cheryl Wruk**

# **SHERIFF OFFICE PERSONNEL**

## **SHERIFF**

Jerome T. Sauve

## **CHIEF DEPUTY**

James Hansen

## **LIEUTENANTS PATROL DIVISION**

Jason Ducane – Day Shift

Chris Lesperance – Night Shift

## **LIEUTENANT INVESTIGATIONS**

Barry Degnitz

## **DETECTIVES**

Todd Baldwin

Craig Kasten

Dan Miller

## **DRUG OFFICER**

Bill Swanson

## **SERGEANTS – PATROL**

**Day (D) Shift 5a.m.-5p.m.**

**Night (N) Shift 5p.m.-5a.m.**

Randy Miller – D

Mike Sievert – D

Robert Amundson – N

Lance Lincoln – N

## **DEPUTIES**

**Day (D) Shift 5a.m.-5p.m.**

**Night (N) Shift 5p.m.-5a.m.**

**4 Days On/4 Days Off**

Chris Tonn - D

Jamie Curran - D

Kurt Kostuch - D

Brett West - D

Andrew Rogers-N

Sean VanErmen - D

Fred Popp - D

Brad Wyss - D

Jesse Parker - D

Zak Albrecht - D

Steve Schmidt – N

Mike Nickels-N

Gary Temple (Court Officer)

Ben Hicks - N

Dave Oginski - N

Spencer Elias - N

Jeremiah Haile - D

Brandon Erdman - N

Karl Goerlinger - N

**CIVILIAN JAIL ADMINISTRATOR**

Bob Majewski

**ASSISTANT JAIL ADMINISTRATOR**

Tom Bourque

**JAIL SERGEANTS**

Amber Lynwood

Stacy Matz

Brian Wruk

Doug Grun

Natalie Behrendt

Joe Moser

**CORRECTIONS OFFICERS**

Casey Behnke

Don Behrendt

Heather Bunker

Dominic Cardella

Michael Chapman

Sam Ermis

Caitlin Grun

Mike Haupt

Brent Hill

Chad Huston

Cathy Malke

Nicholas Nielson

Jacob Roberts

Keith Roubal

Mic Steiner

Stephanie Timblin

Danielle Weddel

Matthew Winnekins

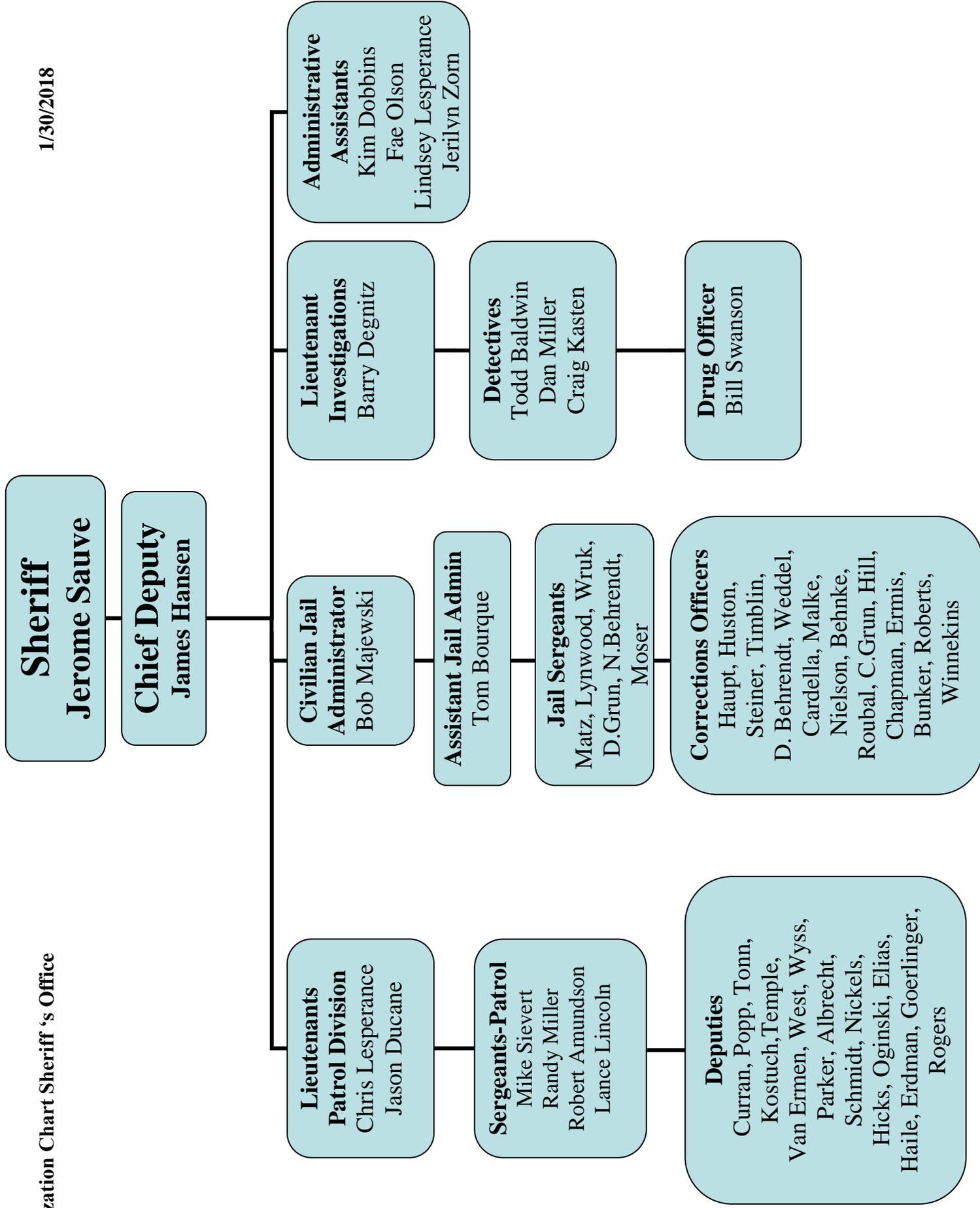
**OFFICE PERSONNEL**

Kim Dobbins – Administrative Specialist

Fae Olson – Administrative Specialist

Jerilyn Borths – Administrative Specialist

Lindsey Lesperance – Administrative Assistant



# **MARINETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## **DETECTIVE'S REPORT 2017**

The Marinette County Sheriff's Office has a Detective Lieutenant and three full time Detectives and one Drug Investigator, who investigate any and all crimes occurring in Marinette County. The Detective Division also assists other law enforcement agencies requesting interviews of victims or suspects who may be presently in our jurisdiction.

The Detectives process crime scenes, conduct extensive investigations, and conduct numerous interviews regarding each case. Criminal cases are time consuming and require lengthy reports which are prepared for possible charges by the District Attorney.

The Detectives work closely with numerous other law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin and other states. The Detectives also work closely with Marinette County Human Services and other Human Services Departments.

In 2017, the Division investigated approximately 56 deaths (increase of 4), 20 sexual assaults (decrease of 5), 93 burglaries (increase of 18), and conducted approximately 124 drug investigations (decrease of 20). Many of these cases were cleared by arrest. Two of the deaths were drug overdoses.

Major cases that were worked on by the Division included the numerous burglaries and manhunt involving Chad Setunsky and Ashley Niewierowski, the 1974 missing person case of Loren Munro being solved, and the officer involved shooting in December. These cases took numerous hours to investigate. There were also several serial burglars convicted who were responsible for numerous burglaries. We also continue to investigate older unsolved homicides that occurred in Marinette County.

## **North East Tri-County Drug Enforcement Group & Menominee County Drug Enforcement Group**

The North East Tri-County Drug Enforcement Group (NETCDEG) is made up of investigators from Marinette County Sheriff's Office, Marinette Police Department and Peshtigo Police Department.

Narcotic Investigations in the Counties of Marinette and Menominee are a collaborative effort of The North East Tri-County Drug Enforcement Group and Menominee County/City Drug Enforcement Team. The local agencies are also utilized for assistance at times.

As a result of the 2017 drug investigations a total of 41 individuals were arrested for offenses that involved the illegal use and distribution of illegal drugs. Methamphetamine continues to be the dominate drug in the area. Investigations targeted 17 individuals for distributing methamphetamine in the area. 2017 showed a reduced number of Heroin investigations and an increase in Methamphetamine and Cocaine investigations and arrests. 8 people were arrested after being investigated for prescription drug violations. These include opiate pills, Adderall, fentanyl, and suboxone which remain one of the most highly abused drugs in this area. Heroin investigations dropped significantly from 17 to 5, which is directly attributed to the steep increase in Methamphetamine in the area. Cocaine investigations targeted 6 people for delivery of Cocaine. Additional drug investigations led to the arrest of 7 people for Marijuana offenses including possession intent to deliver and possession of Marijuana violations.

2017 showed an increase in marijuana trafficking arrests originating from Michigan coming into Wisconsin. These arrests include large quantities of raw marijuana as well as marijuana products, such as baked goods, candies, butter, caramels, dabs, and hash oil products. These cases are a direct result of coordinated efforts between Michigan Law Enforcement, Wisconsin Department of Justice, and NETCDEG officers.

On 08/25/2017 the "mBank" in Stephenson, MI was robbed at gun point. Investigators from NETCDEG and Menominee County Drug Enforcement group identified the suspect almost immediately from surveillance video. Investigators, through the use of drug contacts, were able to learn the suspect's location at a known drug residence in the City of Marinette and take him into custody within hours after the robbery.

2017 showed a large increase in information sharing and networking amongst the agencies involved in the task force, as well as multiple agency operations. On two separate occasions outside agencies were brought into the Marinette County area to conduct drug interdiction, as well as sit on known suspect drug residences. During these deployments, multiple individuals were arrested for marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, and prescription drugs.

On 3 occasions Investigators and K-9 Officers assisted in the similar deployments and multiple search warrants in other counties, resulting in drug and property crimes arrests.

NETCDEG assisted the Brown County Drug Task Force with a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Reckless Homicide/Deliver drugs case resulting in the arrest of two individuals.

Overall opiate overdoses have declined. Investigators are now seeing drugs being ordered and delivered on line through dark web coming from foreign countries directly to individual residences.

In 2016 NETCDEG renewed its operational and mutual assistance agreement. This year the Antigo PD was added to the agreement.

The agencies involved in the 2017 investigative efforts were Marinette Police Department, Marinette County Sheriff's Office, Menominee County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Peshtigo Police Department, Oconto City Police Department, Oconto Falls Police Department, Oconto County Sheriff's Department, Menominee City Police Department, Coleman Police Department, Crivitz Police Department, Niagara Police Department, KIND (Kingsford Public Safety, Iron Mountain Police Department, Forest County Sheriff's Office, Norway Police Department, and Dickinson County Sheriff) Drug Unit, Shawano County Drug Task Force, Brown County Drug Task Force, Wisconsin State Patrol, Marinette County Special Response Team, City of Marinette Tactical Response Unit, and K-9 units from Marinette County, Marinette City, Menominee County, Crivitz Police Department, Oconto County, and Wisconsin State Patrol.

## **PATROL TRAINING**

Training is an integral part of the Marinette County Sheriff's Office. During the calendar year of 2017, the Patrol Division participated in Mandatory In-Service and Specialized Training.

*Arson Investigation*  
*Court Security*  
*Intoximeter Operation*  
*SWAT and Advanced SWAT*  
*Field Training*  
*Marine Patrol Operations*  
*Death Investigations*  
*Firearms Qualifications*  
*Roadside Impairment Enforcement*

*FBI Hostage Negotiator Update*  
*Reid Interview and Integration*  
*K9 Recertification*  
*Evidence Technician*  
*EVOC*  
*Leadership Academy*  
*Defense & Arrest Tactics*  
*Drug Recognition Expert*

In 2018 the Marinette County Sheriff's Office will continue to provide quality training for its officers. This instruction will enhance the skills, knowledge, and abilities of the officers who serve our community.



The use of information, whether from concerned citizens or paid informant, has played a vital role in the success of police work since the earliest times. Marinette County Crime Stoppers officially started July 25, 1991 and is a program that includes Marinette and Menominee Counties. Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit 501(c)(3). Since our inception, we've made a huge impact on solving many crimes throughout our county.

Behind the scenes of Crime Stoppers is a dedicated Board of Directors consisting of citizens from Marinette and Menominee Counties: 4 Officers (Pres, VP, Sec, Treas) plus 9 directors and 9 uniformed officer advisors.

Crime Stoppers purchases web based software called TipSoft to allow citizens to call, text or go online to give information. The information remains anonymous and Coordinators are able to have a two-way dialogue with the tipster to obtain clearer and more accurate information. Crime Stoppers also purchases CSI (Crime Scene Information) answering service to have the phone answered 24/7. CSI is an answering service that answers Crime Stoppers phones nationally and caller's data is immediately input into the new TipSoft. The call goes to Texas, then to Canada, and then to an officer. All processed information will go through message encryption that will keep the tipster completely **ANONYMOUS**.

All schools in Marinette and Menominee Counties now have a Quick 50 Program. Officers went to every school and presented Crime Stopper information and distributed business cards explaining how students can receive a \$50 reward for information about drugs/alcohol/weapons on school grounds. Over 2600 students have been presented with this program.

Due to Wisconsin Supreme Court rulings, Crime Stoppers no longer receives monies from the court system. Because of this, we rely on donations and grants to assist in helping pay informants for tips that lead to arrests in Marinette & Menominee counties, and to keep our technology current with software that streamlines and integrates our program with other programs throughout the United States.

Citizens can receive rewards up to \$1,000.00 and remain anonymous in the process by calling 1-800-427-5857 or 715-735-5111 OR go to [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com) OR Text "Marinette" plus your message to 274637 (Crimes).

Since inception in July 1991, Crime Stoppers has received 2229 tipster calls with 291 arrests. Stolen property recovered \$105,917.00; narcotics \$312,874.00; rewards paid out \$19,295.00.

# **MARINETTE COUNTY SHERIFF AUXILIARY**

The Marinette County Sheriff Auxiliary is now celebrating 31 years of service to Marinette County.

In October 2017 we said goodbye to Sgt. Jim Goffard, Sgt. Joe Pluskota and Cpl. Char Staffeldt. who retired from the Auxiliary. Sgt. Goffard devoted over 18 years, Sgt. Pluskota devoted over 16 years and Cpl. Staffeldt devoted over 15 years of their time to the Auxiliary. Their leadership and friendship will be greatly missed.

The Sheriff has appointed a new Lieutenant to the Auxiliary, Casey Longtine.

Our website is getting great feedback: [msoauxiliary.com](http://msoauxiliary.com). Our facebook page, which Lt. Longtine has taken over, is running strong: [mso.auxiliary](http://mso.auxiliary).

Some of the support that was given in 2017:

1. Providing traffic control at the scene of accidents.
2. Secured crime scenes.
3. Ride alongs totaling approximately 600 hours with Sheriff Department and other Law Enforcement agencies.
4. Security for the Marinette County Fair, Peshtigo Historical Days and Marinette Logging Festival.
5. Security for Marinette High School football games.
6. Security for Marinette Marine's boat launch.
7. Assisting with boat and ATV patrols.
8. Assisting with traffic and crowd control at many parades throughout the county.
9. Participated in the Shop with a Cop program.
10. Transporting new squad cars to be outfitted with equipment.
11. Sponsoring a booth at the county fair to promote the Auxiliary and Crime Stoppers.
12. A total of 49 events were handled by the Auxiliary throughout the county.

At the present time the auxiliary has 23 dedicated officers.

This hard-working, professional volunteer organization continues to be a valuable asset to our community and also to all of our law enforcement officers. They are to be commended for their service.



Assisting at Niagara High School Prom were Auxiliary members: Sgt. Randy Dessart, Jennifer Knutson, Bob Grandaw and Officer Jason Colenso Niagara PD.

## OWI Task Force

In July of 2012 the Marinette Police Department obtained a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS) for an OWI Task Force. Each year this grant is renewed and helps cover the wages and benefits of the officers who are assigned to the task force. The Marinette Police Department is assisted by the Marinette County Sheriff's Department in the task force. The task force deploys additional officers patrolling the streets and highways of Marinette County looking for drug and alcohol impaired driving. The task force deploys to problem areas or to special events that are alcohol and drug based within Marinette County. The goal of the Marinette County OWI Task Force is to make Marinette County roads a safer place to drive for its citizens and to achieve ZERO alcohol related deaths in Wisconsin through education and training. There has been a reduction in fatal alcohol and drug related fatalities in the last three years. The task force would also recognize the citizens who have chosen to use alternative rides home and take responsibility in getting everyone in the community home safely.

During 2017 the OWI Task Force deployed 22 times. Officers and deputies made 748 traffic stops, issued 274 citations, made 35 OWI arrests, 30 drugs arrests and 10 warrant arrests.

A special thanks to the officers from Marinette PD and Marinette County Sheriff's Office who participated in the 2017 OWI deployments.

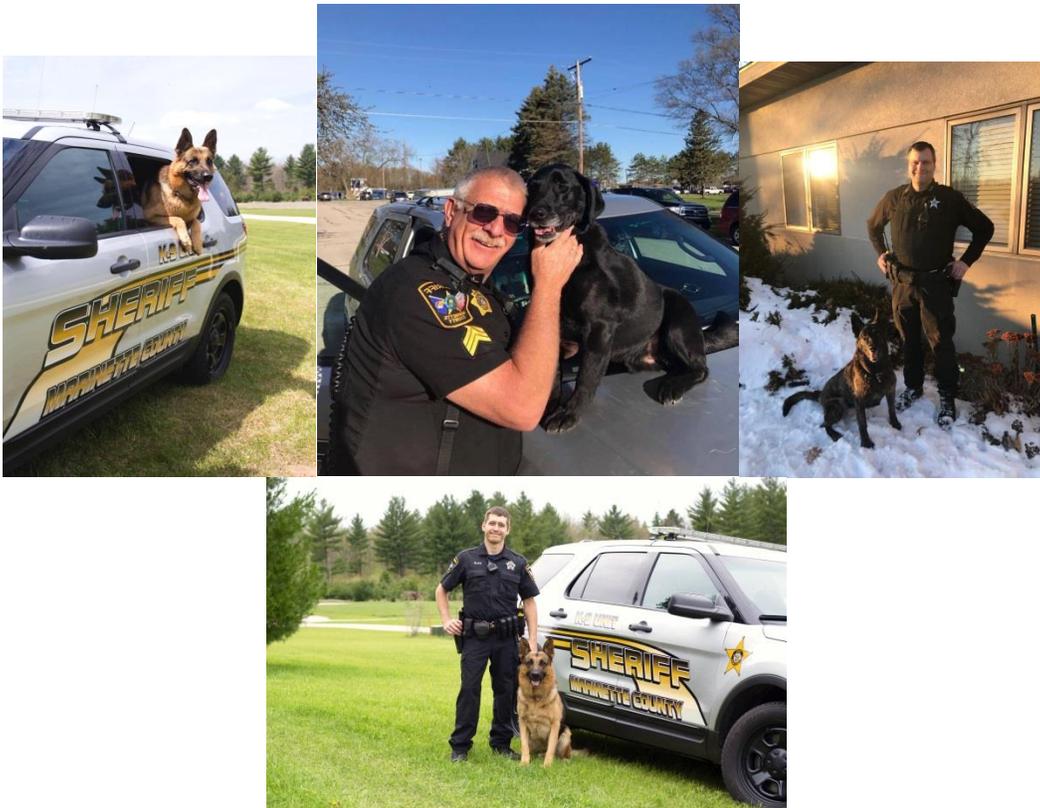


## K-9 PROGRAM

In 2017 we saw a change in the K9 program. “Rocker”, Sergeant Mike Sievert’s long-time partner retired, as did Sgt. Sievert seven months later. With the retirement of Rocker, we brought on “Cash” and his handler Deputy Spencer Elias. Deputy Elias had come to us from Crivitz P.D. where he and Cash were a team and were able to continue working together along with Deputy West and his K9 partner “Nina”. Both Nina and Cash are considered a multi-purpose canine, which means they can detect illegal narcotics, track, and be used in apprehension.

In 2017 the three K9 teams made multiple arrests and were involved in over 250 combined deployments including vehicle contacts or “sniffs”, school and business searches, missing person searches, suspect tracking and apprehension. The K9’s are available to check businesses for illegal drugs by contacting our office.

On the night of August 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Elias and Cash were instrumental in the apprehension of a male in the City of Marinette who was suspected of an armed bank robbery earlier that day in Stephenson Michigan. The male had a known criminal history of escape, valid felony warrants, and suspect in other bank robberies. During the investigation, the male was located in the City of Marinette attempting to run from Officers. Deputy Elias and Cash were in foot pursuit when Cash caught, bit, and brought the suspect to the ground until Deputy Elias and other Officers were able to place the male in custody.



## Special Response Team (SRT)

### 2017 Operations

The Marinette County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team has evolved out of necessity from the original Warrant Service Entry Team that was created in 2005. Our original duties were to execute high risk search and/or arrest warrants within the borders of Marinette County. Events such as the 2008 Niagara "train bridge" shootings, 2010/2011/2012 cartel large scale marijuana grows and the 2010 Marinette High School Hostage incident has forced our team to resolve a variety of higher risk incidents that rise to a level of expertise well beyond general patrol duties. The SRT Unit also works jointly with the Marinette Police Department's Tactical Response Team when additional personnel are needed to respond to large scale operations.

In 2017 our SRT Unit consisted of 10 members which include:

Team Commander – Lt. Jason Ducane

Team Leader – Deputy Lance Lincoln

Asst. Team Leader – Deputy Sean Vanermen      Operator in Charge – Sgt. Robert Amundson

Tactical Operators – Deputy Jesse Parker, Deputy Mike Nickels, Deputy Ben Hicks, Deputy Dave Oginski, Deputy Spencer Elias + K9 Cash

Armed Observers – Deputy Brett West + K9 Nina, Deputy Steven Schmidt

All members of the SRT Unit are trained minimally to the level of "Basic Swat" operator, and most members are also certified as "Advanced Swat" operators. Team members attend a variety of specialized training annually in order to maintain certifications in various specialties, or to obtain additional advanced training certifications, which members then bring back and teach to fellow team members. SRT Unit members complete 80 hours of training each year as a team which includes intense training in firearms, defense and arrest tactics, active shooter response, hostage negotiation, barricaded subject containment, woodland search techniques, building clearing, and high risk vehicle contacts. In 2017 these training sessions included joint training with the Marinette Police Department. Two members also traveled to New Mexico with three members of the Marinette Police Department for specialized training to deal with suicidal subjects.

During 2017, the SRT Unit was activated for multiple "high risk" incidents which included a Mutual Aid response to Florence County for the execution of a narcotics search warrant in the Town of Aurora which resulted in the arrest of 3 wanted individuals.

The SRT Unit was also instrumental in the area search and capture of two dangerous individuals who on 04/08/17 were involved in a Burglary of the Corner Convenience store in the Town of Stephenson. Shortly after the burglary occurred Deputies in the area were able to locate a suspect vehicle which then fled North on Parkway Rd. while firing shots at pursuing Deputies. The suspect vehicle crashed near Twin Bridge Park where the suspects then fled into a wooded area. The SRT Unit was activated and requested Mutual Aid assistance from the Marinette Police Department, and Brown County Sheriff's Office. The multi-day search of the area resulted in the capture of the two suspects who have since been convicted for charges related to their crime spree.



## **JAIL OPERATIONS**

*The mission of the Marinette County Jail is to provide a safe, secure, and humane environment for those individuals committed to our custody by treating those individuals firmly but with respect and dignity.*

In 2017 the Marinette County Jail population fluctuated greatly. The first quarter of the year we averaged 141 inmates and were planning what we were going to do if the population was to keep rising. In May the average dropped by almost 30 inmates (137 to 108). The next 3 quarters the average was 109. We haven't seen 8 months of under 120 inmates since 2011. February was the high month at 145.36 and June was the low at 100.67. The yearly average daily population was 119.72. Inmate population is at a 50.8% increase from 2004 when we moved into this new facility. In 2017 we totaled 1,780 people booked into jail: 1,307 males and 473 females...220 fewer bookings than 2016.

We were finally able to reestablish the Assistant Jail Administrator's position that was taken away in 2004. This gives us another level of supervisor for the 25 Sergeants and Correction Officers. Tom Bourque was appointed out of his Administrative Correction Officer role to the AJA's position and has been doing an outstanding job.

Working with the Maintenance Department and a company from Green Bay we were able to start our floor project and complete 2 pods. Inmates needed to be removed from that area and placed in other pods of the jail, keeping in mind classification and needs. Maintenance personnel were coordinated and given time to do repairs and painting and then the floor company would complete their work. The pod needed to be empty for a week or more. Along with the flooring project, the security camera project is nearing the end.

Mental health issues of inmates are on the rise. There are some publications that state 30-40% of male and 50 – 60% of female inmate population suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder. We have recognized this issue and through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) a work group was formed to come up with alternatives/solutions/treatments to help these individuals either out or through the criminal justice system to become healthy, law abiding members of our communities.

### **Operational Changes and improvements in 2017:**

- Work on pod flooring project.
- County conducted a new wage study. Correction Officer starting wage is higher so hopefully will be better for recruitment and retention.
- Assistant Jail Administrator position has been (re)created and filled. The Administrative Correction Officer position has been eliminated.
- Job title change: Corporals are now Sergeants.
- Inmate Education and Program Corrections Officer' title was changed to Inmate Education and Program Sergeant.

- Upgraded all old analog cameras to higher resolution IP cameras.
- Worked with Sheboygan County Juvenile Detention to house our juveniles and able to conduct video conferencing for court appearances.
- New transport vehicle purchased.
- Restarted AODA/Parenting/Male Domestic Violence classes.

**Initiatives for 2018:**

- Through the CJCC a work group has been organized to address subjects suffering from mental illness in the criminal justice system. Possibly as an extension of Drug Court, we are looking at a Mental Health Court and a Treatment Diversion Program.
- Updating our policy and procedures in accordance with new Department of Corrections 350 codes.
- Switching policies to Lexipol.
- Continue working with Facilities Director on plan for replacing or changing flooring in pods.
- Installing cameras in cells of the pods.
- Narcan Certification.
- Windows to Work program.
- New JMS, CAD, records, Dispatch system.
- Kiosk for video visitation, electronic grievance, etc.

2017 was another year of turnover in jail staff and we were shorthanded most of the time. Added to our Correctional Staff were: Joshua Tharp, Sam Ermis, Joe Moser, Kelly Staudenmaier, Jacob Roberts, Matthew Winnekins, Heather Bunker and Terese Marquardt. Transferring out were: Joshua Tharp, Julio de Lima Silva, Randy VanVooren, Dave Gregersen, Kelly Staudenmaier, Kendra Race, Terese Marquardt and Grant Kuehnl.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Majewski, Jail Administrator



# Annual Report Program Notes

2017 was another successful year for programs and education in the Marinette County Jail. Inmate Education and Programs Sergeant, Joseph Moser, plans to improve current programs and recruit additional program volunteers in 2018.

Several new programs were established in 2017. They include: Hope for Wounded Hearts (sponsored by Manna for Life Ministries), a faith based program that discusses how individuals have been victimized in their past and how to overcome common stigmas by identifying how participants have been “wounded.” The program focuses on finding ways to overcome these views and gain confidence; Computer Basics (sponsored by the Job Center of Wisconsin), focuses on fundamental computer instruction such as internet, email, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and keyboarding; Triple P Parenting (sponsored by Family & Childcare Resources of N.E.W) is a program that discusses the power of positive parenting, raising confident and competent children, and finally raising resilient children. Other programs such as Stinking Thinking and Family Reunification were improved as a result of adding additional instructional hours per week. This turned out to be a great adjustment as classes completed earlier; therefore more inmates were able to complete the courses.

Throughout the year well over 20 different programs are offered to inmates incarcerated at the Marinette County Jail. In 2017, 59 inmates completed programs while incarcerated (This number doesn't account for inmates who participated in programs such as NA, AA, religious studies and jail outreach, which are continuous and don't have completion dates). Inmates earned a total of 84 days credited off of their sentence for completing programs and 22 days credit for GED testing and completions.

Ten inmates obtained their General Education Diploma while incarcerated in the Marinette County Jail in 2017. In addition, 49 individual GED tests were taken in the jail, with 42 of them receiving a passing score (86% success rate). The Marinette County Jail was able to upgrade one of the computers used for GED practice testing and hope to consolidate other GED practice programs onto one station. Since the inception for the GED Program at the Marinette County Jail we have had 187 individuals meet the requirements for GED Graduation.

Inmates also earned time off their sentence by participating in various community service activities such as working with the City of Peshtigo Parks and Recreation Department., the Salvation Army, and the Marinette County Maintenance Department. In total, community service inmates earned 83 days credit for their services. In addition, inmate workers in the jail kitchen, laundry, and library earned 391 total days off of their sentence. In total, inmate workers saved 474 jail bed days in 2017. When combining days credited for GED Testing, Programming, Community Service, and Inmate Workers the Jail saved 580 bed days through jail programming.

We would like to thank the jail staff and receptionist for managing the flow of inmates as well as instructors to and from programs. The staff does an excellent job assuring inmates get to programs on time, as well as separating codefendants and inmates with no contacts with each other, while maintaining the security of the jail. We would also like thank all the program volunteers, tutors, instructors and vendors. Without all the support programs in the jail would not be as successful as they are. Thank you.

Marinette County Avg. Monthly Jail Populations

	2017 Daily Head Count	2016 Daily Head Count	2015 Daily Head Count	2014 Daily Head Count	2013 Daily Head Count	2012 Daily Head Count	2011 Daily Head Count	2010 Daily Head Count	2009 Daily Head Count	2008 Daily Head Count	2007 Daily Head Count	2006 Daily Head Count	2005 Daily Head Count	2004 Daily Head Count
January	139.94	108.84	113.00	136.00	132.74	92.19	105.61	116.32	107.00	111.71	93.77	95.26	69.35	81.10
February	145.36	114.07	124.43	131.25	143.96	101.79	115.46	126.18	107.71	106.21	89.21	103.93	81.00	104.79
March	141.61	128.84	137.58	124.74	140.58	113.52	120.19	123.42	110.55	112.42	98.58	91.39	92.77	96.74
April	137.00	126.07	130.80	122.87	140.67	122.03	114.03	126.30	108.00	110.67	96.20	80.23	102.27	91.33
May	108.26	130.13	133.71	119.77	139.45	107.61	99.19	120.68	105.61	111.58	100.74	90.68	106.45	83.84
June	100.67	126.93	118.17	129.03	136.97	105.17	95.13	114.07	120.43	110.00	108.30	93.13	106.40	77.57
July	108.32	128.68	111.58	133.65	125.84	103.52	98.74	103.94	130.61	111.35	109.16	101.55	105.26	76.81
August	108.45	129.16	127.35	132.81	127.71	112.74	108.32	101.00	120.10	108.45	110.81	105.97	109.19	82.84
September	112.13	128.83	126.67	135.07	126.77	127.23	118.03	99.27	118.33	118.40	111.10	106.33	112.90	70.00
October	109.81	125.77	140.61	136.48	127.16	128.00	107.42	93.26	128.10	123.19	119.97	106.74	108.55	67.16
November	116.63	127.10	122.63	130.00	132.40	123.00	102.63	95.17	118.23	119.13	114.63	106.17	95.90	64.73
December	108.45	131.68	112.13	107.84	131.26	125.45	89.29	100.00	114.00	112.26	105.35	91.84	84.71	55.87
Yr Avgs.	119.72	125.51	124.89	128.29	133.79	113.52	106.17	109.97	115.72	112.95	104.82	97.77	97.90	79.40
% Increase from 2004	50.8%	58.1%	57.3%	61.6%	68.5%	43.0%	33.7%	38.5%	45.7%	42.3%	32.0%	23.1%	23.3%	

High Month	February	December	October	October	February	April	July	October	October	September	February	
Low Month	June	January	July	December	January	October	May	April	February	April	January	December

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## State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections

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September 5, 2017

Sheriff Jerry Sauve  
Marinette County Sheriff's Department  
2161 University Drive  
Marinette, WI 54143

**RE: 2017 Marinette County Jail Annual Inspection**

Dear Sheriff Sauve,

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the annual inspection of the Marinette County Jail was conducted pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 301.37(3). The inspection compared the facility and its operation to applicable state statutes and Department of Corrections Administrative Rule Chapter DOC 350. This report summarizes my findings, including the progress made following the 2016 inspection, any current initiatives and any statute or administrative code violations.

**On the date of the inspection there were 120 inmates confined at the jail. Of that total there was 1 inmate being housed for Oconto County. The Electronic Monitoring Program had 2 inmates assigned.**

### **Summary of Operational Changes, Progress and Current Initiatives**

#### **Changes and Progress:**

- Pod flooring project is in process
- Wage study was completed
- Assistant Jail Administrator position was re-created and filled
- Job titles changes: Corporals are now Sergeants
- Inmate Education & Program Corrections Officer is now a Sergeant position
- Analog cameras were upgraded to higher resolution IP cameras
- Juveniles are being contracted to Sheboygan County – Video conferencing has been established for court
- New transport vehicle
- Restarted AODA/Parenting/Male DV classes

**Initiatives:**

- CJCC initiatives include Mental Health Court and a Treatment Diversion Program
- Revision of Policy Manual to incorporate updates to Administrative Code Chapter DOC 350, utilizing Lexipol
- Continue the pod flooring project
- Additional cameras within the facility
- Narcan certification
- Windows to Work program
- New JMS – department wide
- Kiosks for video visitation, electronic requests etc...possible tablet station

**Programming**

Under the direction of Sergeant Joe Moser, Marinette County continues to embrace the evidence based benefits of providing programming in the jail facilities to inmates. Several programming opportunities are in place for inmates to attend along with a multitude of community service initiatives.

**Changes and Improvements:**

- ❖ New Program- Hope for wounded hearts.
- ❖ Windows to Work – Partner with Bay Area Workforce Development again
- ❖ Opiate Overdose Prevention – Partner with AIDS resource Center
- ❖ Getting Ahead Initiative – Partner with Tri-City area United Way & St. Vincent de Paul
- ❖ New volunteers have been brought on board with new programming opportunities

**Operational statistics:**

- ❖ There were 2 completed GED's this year
- ❖ There were 19 individual GED tests taken
- ❖ Two high school students completed their core classes
- ❖ Program sentence credit allowed for 32 saved jail bed days
- ❖ Community Service credit allowed for 37 saved jail bed days
- ❖ Inmate Worker credit allowed for 272 saved jail bed days

**Recommendations**

- ❖ Facility Maintenance- The age is beginning to show in areas that should continue to be reviewed for upkeep. Painting, flooring, rusted vents and other areas were noted. It is recommended that routine joint tours of management with maintenance be continued to formally identify areas that should be focused on. This is a positive toward remaining on top of facility needs. ~ *Repeat from previous inspection*
- ❖ Policies & Procedures – Current policy does not reflect changes in Administrative Code Chapter DOC 350. Updated Policies are to be forwarded to this office for review and approval with the new code requirements.~ *Repeat from previous inspection.*
- ❖ Cameras – Consideration into placement of cameras in potentially problematic spots within the facility should continue to be explored. Kitchen storage is one area that was identified on the date of the inspection. Jail Administration has other areas identified in conjunction with camera project initiatives.

Please extend my sincere gratitude to Administrator Majewski and the remainder of the staff for their professionalism and for accommodating my inspection. Under the direction of Administrator Majewski there have been several successful initiatives and improvements implemented throughout his tenure in the position. The current management team's understanding and implementation of good sound correctional practice within the facility has been very beneficial to overall operations. If I can assist you in any manner please feel free to contact me.

**The Marinette County Jail is approved by the Department of Corrections for the detention of adult offenders with a maximum capacity of 165.** This approval is contingent on the correction of any violations detailed above and continuing compliance with all applicable Wisconsin State Statutes and administrative codes.

Sincerely,



Nancy Thelen  
Detention Facilities Specialist  
Wisconsin Department of Corrections  
Office of Detention Facilities

Cc: Bob Majewski, Jail Administrator  
Kristi Dietz, Director – ODF  
Regional file

# **2017 ACTIVITY REPORT**

**OFFENSES: 2,679 (2013: 3,474) (2014: 3,268) (2015: 3,499) (2016: 3,450)**

INCLUDING SOME OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 283 PROPERTY DAMAGE, 119 ACCIDENT PERSONAL INJURY, 128 CAR/DEER ACCIDENTS, 105 ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES, 87 BURGLARIES, 41 CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, 113 DRUG ARRESTS, 78 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES, 39 FRAUD, 113 THEFTS, 130 OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED, 480 MARINETTE COUNTY WARRANTS, 129 OTHER JURISDICTION WARRANTS, 2 ATV FATALITIES.

**ARREST CHARGES: 1,305 (2013: 930) (2014: 798) (2015: 984) (2016: 1,286)**

INCLUDING SOME OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 12 SIMPLE ASSAULTS, 26 BURGLARIES, 309 DRUG/NARCOTIC/EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS, 114 DISORDERLY CONDUCT, 157 OPERATING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE, 216 WARRANTS, 58 OBSTRUCTING/RESISTING OFFICER, 73 LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS, 44 PROBATION/PAROLE VIOLATIONS.

**JUVENILE CHARGES: 114 (2013: 141) (2014: 127) (2015: 78) (2016: 239)**

INCLUDING SOME OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 23 DRUG/NARCOTIC/EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS, 14 DISORDERLY CONDUCT, 14 LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS, 11 DESTRUCTION TO PROPERTY, 13 CODE VIOLATIONS.

**CITATIONS: 3,635 (2013: 2,760) (2014: 1,999) (2015: 2,099) (2016: 2,981)**

INCLUDING SOME OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 24 ATV VIOLATIONS, 140 NON REGISTRATIONS, 95 NO VALID DRIVERS LICENSE, 274 OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION, 13 LEFT OF CENTER, 33 FAIL TO STOP AT STOP SIGN, 657 SPEEDING, 121 BAC OVER LEGAL LIMIT, 36 FAIL TO NOTIFY POLICE OF ACCIDENT, 446 SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS, 90 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, 98 POSSESSIONS OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, 18 DISORDERLY CONDUCT, 65 FAIL TO KEEP VEHICLE UNDER CONTROL, 511 NO PROOF OF INSURANCE, 207 NO INSURANCE, 165 OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED, 85 UNDER AGE DRINKING, 39 OPEN INTOXICANTS IN VEHICLE.

**TRAFFIC CRASHES: 499 (2013: 510) (2014: 459) (2015: 457) (2016: 425)**

## **TRAFFIC FATALITIES**

In 2017, Marinette County recorded a total of two traffic fatalities as the result of separate crashes. Neither of these crashes was alcohol related. This is a welcome trend from the past in which we would see 80-90% of our fatalities to be alcohol related.

Although one death is too many, we continue to follow national trends in decreasing the number of deadly crashes on our highways.

The Sheriff's Office will continue to remain proactive in its efforts to keep our highways safe and enforce those laws which often are leading causes of serious crashes: OWI, speed, seatbelts, and distracted driving.

### **2017 – Total 2:**

February 19th: Town of Beecher, three vehicle crash, deceased Carl J. Bernetzke (81) of Green Bay, WI. Factors: driver crossed centerline.

September 29th: Town of Peshtigo, one vehicle crash, deceased Lawrence Schoen (70) of Peshtigo. Factors: vehicle left roadway and struck a tree.

**2002 – Total 16**

**2003 – Total 9**

**2004 – Total 16**

**2005 – Total 12**

**2006 – Total 15**

**2007 – Total 14**

**2008 – Total 11**

**2009 – Total 20**

**2010 – Total 11**

**2011 – Total 14**

**2012 – Total 13**

**2013 – Total 8**

**2014 – Total 4**

**2015 – Total 5**

**2016 – Total 5**

**2017 – Total 2**



## **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

### **ATV PATROL:**

There were 17 citations and 35 warnings issued in 2017 by our ATV Patrol; deputies patrolled for a total of 288.5 hours. A percentage of expenses were reimbursed back to Marinette County from the Wisconsin DNR totaling \$11,229.35.

### **CIVIL PROCESS:**

There were 675 Civil Process papers processed in 2017, including 56 Sheriff Sales. \$37,350.04 was collected in Civil Process fees. The Sheriff's Office serves Civil Process because it is a duty required by Statute. Since the service of process is a statutory duty of the Sheriff it follows that this duty be executed in a professional manner, consistent with state law and department policy. Our Office is called upon routinely to serve a myriad of legal papers from various sources; District Attorneys, Circuit Court, Attorneys and private citizens. Papers served include, but not limited to: Restraining Order and Injunctions (Domestic Abuse, Child Abuse, Individuals at Risk and Harassment), Small Claims Actions, Evictions, Writ of Restitution, Large Claims, Divorce Petition, Actions to Enforce Judgment of Child Support, Garnishment Complaint, Subpoenas, Writ of Assistance, Writs of Replevin, Writs of Execution, and Sheriff Sales/Foreclosures. In 2017 there were 16 evictions and 16 Writs of Replevin/Execution Against Property processed. There were also 115 Temporary Restraining Orders/Injunctions processed.

### **DRUG DROP BOX PROGRAM:**

The Drug Drop Box is in the lobby of the Marinette County Law Enforcement Center and is available to residents of Marinette County Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any resident may drop off controlled, non-controlled, and over-the-counter substances. Medications should be left in the original package or prescription bottle. The following items are not accepted: syringes, needles, non-medical inhalers, mercury and ostomy supplies. Residents no longer have to hold on to these medications that could pose a health and safety risk especially to our children. Now they can simply bring the medications to the Law Enforcement Center.

### **EVERY 15 MINUTES:**

The "Every 15 Minutes" program is named after the fact that approximately every 15 minutes someone in this country is killed in an alcohol related traffic crash. Representatives from the school district, area rescue squads, area fire departments, area law enforcement agencies and various counseling centers are involved in this very worthwhile, life-changing program. School districts involved in this program are Marinette, Peshtigo, Crivitz and Niagara.

### **FACEBOOK PAGE:**

Marinette County Sheriff's Office began their own Facebook page where it reaches over 5,000 people automatically once information is put on the page. The page has received multiple tips and has led to more open communication between the public and Sheriff's Office, and other agencies that use Facebook. Like us at <https://www.facebook.com/marinette.sheriff>

## **GRANT PROGRAMS AND REIMBURSEMENTS:**

- Bullet Proof Vest Grant: Federal grant that reimburses up to 50% for vest purchases...\$3,294.50.
- OWI Task Force Grant: Wisconsin Department of Transportation Highway Safety Project for improving traffic safety...\$44,714.97.
- Seat Belt Enforcement Grant: Wisconsin Department of Transportation for improving traffic safety...\$37,182.47.
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant: Wisconsin Department of Justice, overtime reimbursement for investigations relating to heroin and other opiates...\$5,759.37.

## **HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY:**

Due to the very high number of traffic deaths and serious injuries in Wisconsin, the Legislature called for the creation of the Traffic Safety Commission in every county in 1971. Committees meet quarterly. Our Marinette County Traffic Safety Committee has 13 members including a County Board member. Quarterly we discuss the safety of roadways in our county, review past traffic fatalities, and receive updates from WI DOT and BOTS which keeps us up to date with the National Transportation Safety guidelines and expectations. This committee passes recommendations for action on to the Marinette County Highway Committee.

## **ICAC AFFILIATE:**

Through the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation the Marinette County Sheriff's Office is an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) affiliate. As an affiliate we received money to help purchase electronic equipment used to help recover and process digital evidence. Also a 40 hour training was conducted by the Department of Justice for ICAC investigations. That training included how to investigate child pornography, social networking, cyber bullying, and numerous other topics. As part of being an ICAC affiliate the Marinette County Sheriff's Office can now receive Cyber Tips from the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Those Cyber Tips originate from the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Those tips are then investigated by the Sheriff's Office. Being an ICAC affiliate allows the Sheriff's Office to network with other departments around the state and country that are also affiliates and also attend training and keep up to date on these issues.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL:**

The Law Enforcement Memorial was held Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at the Marinette County Courthouse. The Memorial is held in honor of those who have died in the line of duty and dedicated to those who live and serve. The public is welcome to attend.

## **PRISONER TRANSPORTS:**

Lock & Load Prisoner Transports Agreement provides in-state conveyance and extradition services, saving overtime costs with county law enforcement employees and maintains their availability here in the county.

**SHERIFF SALES/FORECLOSURES:**

Foreclosure/Sheriff Sales require the Civil Process Division to process posting and for Sheriff to conduct the sale as a duty required by State Statute. Sales are held the second and fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Law Enforcement Center lobby. Fee is \$150.00 for posting and conducting sale. In 2017 fifty six Sheriff Sale papers were processed with 40 sales actually being sold. The remaining papers were either cancelled or adjourned for future date.

**SNOWMOBILE PATROL:**

The Marinette County Sheriff's Office has been involved in Snowmobile Patrol since 1974. Presently there are hundreds of miles of groomed trails and over one hundred miles of snowmobile routes. There are also several towns which have active snowmobile access ordinances allowing snowmobilers access from their homes to the trails. A yearly audit report is submitted to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources which included 130 hours of patrol to the snowmobile trail systems within Marinette County from January 2017 through April 2017. Within the four month period Deputies encountered numerous violations with 20 citations issued as well as 12 written warnings. A percentage of expenses were reimbursed back to Marinette County from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources totaling \$2,310.86.

**WATER PATROL:**

The Marinette County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit works in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in order to provide a safe boating environment for all of the citizens and visitors of Marinette County. Our Marine Unit consists of 3 patrol boats that are readily available for response during any time that our waters are open to navigation. The Marine Unit randomly patrols both the inland waters of Marinette County and the bordering waterways of the Menominee River and Green Bay. The Marine Unit will also respond to boating emergencies that occur within those waterways. In 2017 the Marine Unit logged 137 total hours of service. During patrol operations a total of 21 citations and 12 written warnings were issued for various boating violations. The Marine Unit makes every effort to maintain a visible presence on our waterways with the goal of reinforcing safe vessel operation providing education to operators whenever possible. In 2017 the Water Patrol unit assisted in the safety of participants on Menominee River and Green Bay for the Cabela's Walleye Tournament held in Menekaunee. The cost of the Marine Unit operations is partially reimbursed back to Marinette County by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This year we were reimbursed \$9,802.36.



Water Patrol assisting at Logging Festival fireworks

**In Memory of Former Marinette County Sheriff**  
**Robert M. Harbick**



July 31, 1942 – October 27, 2017

Robert M. Harbick, age 75, passed away on October 27, 2017. Robert served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. After his military career, he joined the Marinette Police Department and then attended the Michigan State Police Academy. He returned to Marinette and joined the Marinette County Sheriff's Office where he was a deputy for 17 years. Robert was elected to the Office of Marinette County Clerk where he served three terms and then served two terms as Marinette County Sheriff. Robert also served two terms as Mayor of the City of Marinette. As an active member of various local organizations, Robert will be sadly missed.

