

DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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Dale J. Schmidt Sheriff | Chad Enright Chief Deputy

To the Citizens of Dodge County, Wisconsin:

Thank you for taking the time to read the 2024 Dodge County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. In 2024, your sheriff's office continues to show why we are considered a highly professional law enforcement agency. That is because the sheriff's office is made up of men and women who use their talents to serve the community in a way that puts the community's needs first.

In this annual report, we are going to take time to highlight the Dodge County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Division (CID). The men and women of CID had a very challenging year with a multitude of highly complex investigations. Those investigations included serious death investigations and contraband cases within the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Prisons in Dodge County. The CID also had numerous major cases involving homicide, attempted homicide, and serious crimes against children. While



our CID detectives were tasked with these major cases and were able to resolve most of these cases with an arrest or multiple arrests.

In addition, the CID was tasked with keeping up on other case assignments for the normal "everyday" type of investigation, which they are tasked with every day. The CID detectives did so without complaint, with unmatched dedication, and with the desire to close cases for the betterment of Dodge County and with a victim-centered approach.

In addition to major investigations and other normal operations of the sheriff's office, our agency was requested by the United States Secret Service (USSS) to assist them with the protection of Donald J. Trump during his 2024 campaign event at the Dodge County Airport on Sunday, October 6, 2024. Sheriff's office staff, in collaboration with numerous local and state law enforcement partners, Dodge County Emergency Management, the Dodge County Highway Department, and other partners worked to set up a security plan with the USSS to keep not only President Trump safe, but approximately 8000 – 12000 individuals who attended the event. After the event, the USSS praised Dodge County for the organization, preparation, and execution of this security, indicating that it was one of the best-run and organized events across the country.

In addition, days before this event, employees from the sheriff's office assisted with the security of a similar type of event in Ripon, Wisconsin for Vice President Kamala Harris at the request of the USSS and the Ripon Police Department.

The events listed above are significant, but only make up a small portion of the work the employees of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office every day. The residents and visitors of Dodge County can be proud of the work our staff do each day and know that they will receive top notch service from our staff. Thank you for your continued support of our sheriff's office staff.

Respectfully,

Dale JSC

Dale J. Schmidt Dodge County Sheriff

New Employees



Alyssa Bailey
Corrections Officer



Bruce Bleich
Jail Transport



Ryan Brehmer
Patrol Lieutenant



Curtis DeBoer
Support Staff



Jonathan Ehley
Patrol Deputy



Sydney Finkler
Corrections officer



Benjamin Gonnering

Corrections Officer



Jadyn Huncosky
Corrections Officer



Greta KrehoffCommunications

New Employees



Jacob Labelle
Corrections Officer



Jerad Landheer
Patrol Deputy



Alexis Large
Correction Officer



Carmen Micale
Patrol Deputy



David MontellanoCommunity Service Officer



Andrew Powell
Corrections officer



William Rau
Corrections Officer



Adlen Rauch
Correction Officer

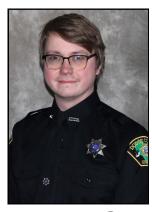


Joshua Reynolds
Correctional Officer

New Employees



Damian Schultz
Patrol Deputy



Mitchell Stoll
Correction Officer



Tiffany Tallman
Correction Officer



Dennis WalstonInvestigator



Madison Wagner
Correction Officer

Retirees



David GorstCorrection Officer
7 Years of Service



Chad RiterCorrection Sergeant
26 Years of Service



Jeremy Wolfe
Patrol Sergeant
14 Years of Service



Lisa Zuelsdorf

Correction Officer
23 Years of Service

A combined 90 years of service!

Current Employees in new Roles



Annie Cedarquest
Assigned as K9 Handler



Justin Kontny
Former Patrol Deputy
Current Detective



Kevin KuehlFormer Corrections Sgt.
Current Part-Time Transport



Benjamin Gulden
Assigned as Rec Patrol



Matthew Mayer
Former Patrol Deputy
Current Patrol Sgt.



Grace Millard

Former Patrol Deputy

Current Corrections Officer



Aaron PotratzFormer Jail Supervisor
Current Jail Lieutenant

Current Employees in new Roles



Owen Schraufnagel
Former Part-Time Transport
Current Corrections Officer



Kevin SchultzFormer Corrections Officer
Current Patrol Deputy



Pamela Uecke-Tinsley
Former Communications
Current Communications Sgt.



Dustin WaasFormer Patrol Sgt.
Current Patrol Lieutenant

Leadership in Police Organizations

In 2024, The Dodge County Sheriff's Office continued its commitment to developing future leaders and exemplary followers to provide better service to the public and prepare its staff to meet the leadership needs of the present and future. We did this through our continued commitment to send our staff to Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO).

The positive impacts of the sheriff's commitment to leadership development are evidenced throughout the agency and this annual report. Of greater importance, the continued efforts at creating better leaders throughout the agency have helped our efforts to make our employees' work and home lives better, which translates to better service to the community.

LPO Graduates in 2024

Kyle Hagen

Sean Bruss

Organizational Leadership and Problem Solving

In 2024 the sheriff's office was awarded a \$36,520.00 grant through the Wisconsin Department of Justice that allowed us to host training law enforcement leaders across the state of Wisconsin, including 11 members of our Dodge County Sheriff's Office supervisory staff. This course combined organizational leadership and the role of problem-solving in a law enforcement agency.



Patrol Division

Roster

Operations Captain Jason Boeck

A Team

Lt. Brian Loos

Sgt. William Pansier

Deputy Jason Westphal (Civil Process)

Deputy Benjamin Gulden (Rec Patrol)

Deputy Jaime Buelter

Deputy Andrew Dean

Deputy Martin Keberlein

Deputy Annie Cedarquist (K9)

C Team

Lt. Dustin Waas

Sgt. Matthew Mayer (K9)

Deputy Matthew Burns

Deputy Daniel Croft

Deputy Alex Kaufman

Deputy Jerad Landheer

Deputy Kayla Tritt

Deputy Jonathon Ehley

Lomira Contract

Sgt. Donald Counard

Deputy Jay Thielmann (School Resource)

Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn

Deputy Codey Bratz

In Training

Deputy Damian Schultz

B Team

Lt. Joseph Nicholas

Sgt. Michael Workman

Deputy Luke Luther (Rec Patrol)

Deputy Ryan Jackson

Deputy Ryan Schwartz

Deputy Trevor Mallon

Deputy Dale Bratz

Deputy Kevin Schultz (Civil Process)

D Team

Lt. Ryan Brehmer

Sgt. Derek Tritt

Deputy Scott Anderson (K9)

Deputy Dylan Ott

Deputy Bradley Kulibert

Deputy Thomas Crowell

Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn

Deputy Dean Hopp

Reeseville Contract

Deputy Martin Keberlein

Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn

Deputy Trevor Mallon

Deputy Matthew Burns

Patrol Division

The patrol division is comprised of dedicated men and women of law enforcement who strive to safeguard the lives, property, and constitutional rights of our citizens through honest, ethical, and professional service to the community. Our deputies also strive on a daily basis to uphold the vision of our Sheriff's Office by collaborating with our communities and developing proactive solutions toward making Dodge County a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and visit. All personnel are expected to uphold the agency's core values: integrity, accountability, teamwork, leadership, and service.

The patrol division is responsible for handling emergency and non-emergency calls for service along with developing proactive solutions. Our deputies are held accountable for their time patrolling our county and during downtime from responding to calls for service they are expected to self-initiate field activities. Examples of this are conducting building/business checks, active traffic enforcement in high-volume crash areas and actively monitoring known problem areas within our county.

In February of 2024, the patrol division transitioned to a 12-hour shift. Our patrol staff work four days on followed by four consecutive days off. Our shift hours are 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. At full staff, our respective day shifts (Teams) will comprise of a lieutenant, sergeant, K-9 handler, civil process server, recreational deputy, and four deputies. Our night shift (Teams) at full staff will be comprised of a lieutenant, sergeant, K-9 handler, and seven deputies. For all our Teams that equates to nine staff on the respective patrol teams.

Some of the advantages that we have seen as a result of this transition include but are limited to: Improved coverage during peak times, better continuity in operations, reduction in staffing costs, team concept with shift continuity by working with the same team members, and an increase for time off for employees due to fewer workdays. This switch has also been received positively with the recruitment of new deputies. We have seen a positive trend from seasoned law enforcement officers looking to join our team as a result of the switch to twelve-hour shifts.

The employees receive a various training course throughout the year to maintain a high level of proficiency in the ever-changing realm of law enforcement. That training includes legal update training, firearms, defense and arrest tactics, emergency vehicle operations, first aid, CPR, leadership training, and community policing strategies.

Dodge County Project Lifesaver

Dodge County Project Lifesaver provides services to any county resident with cognitive conditions which lead to a tendency to wander and not be able to help themselves. The cognitive conditions typically are Autism, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's, and Dementia, however, other clients may also be considered. The program involves the client wearing a wristwatch-sized radio transmitter on either their wrist or ankle area. If the client wanders, the caregiver calls 911 and our trained personnel respond to it as an emergency to locate the individual using our receivers.

Thankfully, there was only one request to begin a search for a client during the year, and the client was located as our deputies were responding with the locating equipment.

Dodge County Project Lifesaver had 10 active clients at the end of 2024. The program continues a 100% success rate, with all of our clients remaining safe.

The deputies involved in the Project Lifesaver program during 2024 were:

Lt. Brian Loos, Program Coordinator/Instructor/ESS Deputy Kasey Young/ESS

Lt. Jason Boeck/ESS

Lt. Joseph Nicholas/ESS

Deputy Martin Keberlein/ESS

Detective Kelsey Becker/ESS Sgt. William Pansier/ESS Deputy Matthew Mayer/ESS Deputy Thomas Crowell/ESS

(ESS – Electronic Search Specialist)







Recreation Patrol



Recreation Deputy Luke Luther

Deputy Luke Luther has been assigned recreation patrol since 2022. Deputy Luther is a 19-year law enforcement veteran and has been with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office for five years. New to the Recreation Patrol is Recreation Deputy Benjamin Gulden.

Deputy Benjamin Gulden started his career with the United States Coast Guard, serving a total of six years on active duty as a Boarding Officer, small boat operator, and machine gunner. He then began his civilian law enforcement career with the Dane County Sheriff's Office in 2019, and joining the Dodge County team in 2022. After several years on night shift patrol, Deputy Gulden was awarded Recreational Patrol Deputy on Team A.



Recreation Deputy Benjamin Gulden

Recreation Deputies Luther and Gulden maintain positive working relationships with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WIDNR), recreation club/association members, and local recreating residents.

Recreation Patrol Team members consist of Deputies Thomas Crowell, Dylan Ott, Trevor Mallon, Kevin Kluck, Easton Meier, and Lieutenant Aaron Potratz. These team members are trained on boat/snowmobile/ATV operations, WIDNR recreation regulations, rescue operations, and recoveries.

The Recreation Patrol consists of ATV/UTV/OHM, boat, and snowmobile patrol. This position is supported by the WIDNR, which includes active patrol utilizing our agency's boat, a 2016 Crestliner 1750 Fish Hawk, a 2004 Polaris Sportsman 500 ATV, a 2021 Kawasaki Mule UTV, two 2009 Polaris Switchback 600 snowmobiles, a 2024 Ski-Doo 850 Renegade, a 2022 Ford F-150 police responder crew cab marked pick-up truck, and a 2024 Ford F-150 police responder crew cab marked pick-up truck. Another responsibility of this position is providing numerous safety talks and public appearances with our equipment. This includes, Cops and Bobbers, Fish 'n Fun, Beaver Dam Lake Days, Watertown Riverfest and Citizens' Police Academy to present recreation instruction and safety information. We also participated in many parades throughout Dodge County and National Night Out in Beaver Dam and Reeseville, which allows us to highlight some of our specialized recreation equipment for kids and adults alike. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office continued our great working relationship with the WIDNR and wardens who work in Dodge County this year and coordinated enforcement and investigation efforts actively throughout the year.

Recreation Patrol

The boating season for the sheriff's office was from April through October. The patrol areas included the Rock River, Horicon Marsh, Lake Sinissippi, Beaver Dam Lake, Fox Lake, Lost Lake, and Lake Emily. During the boat patrol season, the sheriff's office handled several complaints and took a proactive approach to directed patrol on our waterbodies for the complaints that our citizens made.

ATV patrol was conducted year-round and included patrolling Dodge County's 20 miles of the Wild Goose State Trail and directed patrol enforcement for those operating illegally on roadways/trails and private property not open to the public or on state highways. Several deputies also contributed to ATV enforcement by observing and enforcing violations while on routine patrol. Deputies investigated six ATV/UTV accidents that resulted in injuries.

In 2024, the snowmobile trails were opened in all zones for a total of twelve days. Deputies and WIDNR Wardens teamed up to provide a presence and enforce snowmobile regulations on the trails and lakes. The 500 miles of publicly and privately funded Dodge County trails saw a large amount of traffic due to a poor season of the northern county snowmobile trails. Deputies Luther and Crowell teamed up with Conservation Wardens, club members, and the Dodge County Parks Department to shoot a Dodge County tourism video and a snowmobile safety video. Deputies investigated one snowmobile injury crash.











K9 Teams

Our K9 teams consist of Deputy Mayer and K9 Cade, Deputy Anderson and K9 Bak, and on November 8, 2024, Deputy Annie Cedarquist and K9 Ok'ó became our third canine team. All teams are certified through Jessiffany Canine Services in the detection of four controlled substances including methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and MDMA. K9 Cade and K9 Ok'ó are trained in handler protection, suspect apprehension, and tracking. K9 Bak is trained as a single-purpose canine for controlled substances and can also track. They do all of this while still being friendly enough to do public presentations and interact with children in schools.

K9 Ok'ó is a 16-month-old German Shepherd, who was born in Hungary, and came to Jessiffany Canine in July 2024. Deputy Cedarquist was selected as our third canine handler and selected him to be her canine partner after testing a few canines. They started their 5-week training program in October 2024 and successfully completed their training on November 8. Deputy Cedarquist came up with her canine partner's name and it comes from the Lakota language. Deputy Cedarquist's family originates with the Oglala Lakota Nation from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and she selected Ok'ó. In the Lakota language, Ok'ó means "chaos". We are proud that Deputy Cedarquist would pay tribute to her heritage in the naming of K9 Ok'ó.

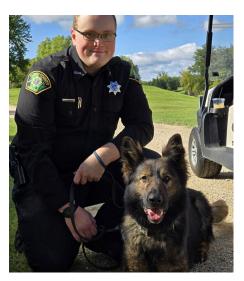
In addition to the kennel certifications above, they are also certified through an independent master trainer from the American Police Canine Services each year. The K9 teams must train throughout the year in order to pass certifications for both organizations.

The K9's and their equipment are partially funded by a variety of donations. K9 Cade was purchased through funds from Play 4 Cade. This organization raises awareness for organ donation and the organization donated the \$15,000 to the sheriff's office in memory of a 14-year-old teenager who died in a crash, named Cade. K9 Bak was brought on from the Lomira Police Department when the Dodge County Sheriff's Office took over with contracted law enforcement services. K9 Ok'ó was purchased through the proceeds of the annual K9 Golf Outing. Money is raised through K9 donations and the K9 golf outing, which is the main source of funds for the program. The 2024 K9 golf outing raised \$15,744. The money raised is used for K9 unit expenses and saved for future needs.









Crash Investigation Team

2023 STATISTICS

New Cases	39
Old Cases Reopened	2
Event Data Recorder (EDR) Downloads	13
Event Data Recorder (EDR) Analysis	13
Berla iVE (In-Vehicle Exploitation) Downloads	3
Berla iVE (In-Vehicle Exploitation) Analysis	3
Scene Scan/Reconstruction	23
Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspections	40
FAA Licensed Drone Pilots	5
Scene Flights	16
Training Flights	19

Members:

Sergeant Eric Krueger
Sergeant Jeramy Grossman
Sergeant Michael Workman
Deputy Andrew Dean
Deputy Thomas Crowell
Deputy Luke Luther
Deputy Ryan Jackson
Deputy Trevor Mallon







SWAT Team

The Dodge County Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT team is comprised of 23 members. SWAT officers are assigned to positions within the team. The different positions are team commander, team leader, assistant team leader, sniper, entry team, munitions specialist, and negotiator.

The purpose of the SWAT team is to provide specialized support in handling critical operations where intense negotiations and/or special tactical deployment methods are beyond the capacity of field officers. The SWAT team trains monthly on specialized tactics and with specialized equipment. Some of the situations that the team trains to handle include barricaded subjects, hostage situations, search and arrest warrants, armed suspects, anti-terrorism, and any other situation deemed necessary by the sheriff.

In 2024, the SWAT team deployed in the Town of Shields for an armed and barricaded domestic abuse subject that was wanted for an attempted homicide. The Dodge County SWAT Team attempted contact with him for numerous hours without him responding. The Dodge County SWAT Team made entry into the house, located him, and took him into custody peacefully.

The SWAT team also was deployed in the City of Beaver Dam for a report of a subject inside a home that was wanted for a domestic abuse incident with weapons involved. The SWAT team was requested by the Beaver Dam Police Department to assist in apprehending the suspect. Shortly after the SWAT team arrived on scene the subject came out peacefully and was taken into custody.



Lastly, the SWAT team was deployed at the Dodge County Airport for security at a political event. Then Presidential Candidate Trump made a stop in Dodge County and thousands of spectators were anticipated to attend. Due to prior assassination attempts on President Trump, we knew we needed to apply significant tactical operations to assure the safety of the spectators and the president. The Dodge County SWAT Team requested assistance from surrounding jurisdictions to help staff tactical operations due to the crowd size and the large open area. Other tactical teams that assisted us were the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Fond Du Lac County Sheriff's Office, and sniper teams from the Beaver Dam Police Department.

Pictured is Sergeant Derek Tritt and Deputy Dylan Ott on security detail during the visit from President Trump.

Honor Guard

Our Honor Guard performed or participated in three events during 2024, including the Juneau September 11 silent parade, the Dodge County Law Enforcement Memorial in Juneau during police week, and members were on hand during our criminal justice career day!

The 9 current members of the team continue to represent each division of the agency including patrol, investigations, communications and corrections.





2024 Honor Guard Team

Sergeant Eric Krueger
Sergeant Benjamin Plante
Sergeant Dawn Learned
Deputy Luke Luther
Deputy Thomas Crowell
Deputy Kevin Schultz
Sergeant Samantha Laughlin
Deputy Kayla Tritt
Deputy Dylan Ott



Honor Guard					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Public Appearances	0	10	3	4	3
Funeral Services	1	6	2	4	0

Drug Recognition Expert

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office has five certified Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). DRE's are highly trained and specialized in recognizing impairment caused by drugs other than alcohol. Prerequisites to attend training and be certified are proficiency in administering Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) and a strong background in impaired driving enforcement. After completing training, DRE's are called out to perform standardized and systematic 12-step evaluations on persons who have been arrested for OWI and have either no alcohol involved or alcohol levels inconsistent with their impairment level. Upon completion of the evaluation, DRE's are trained to provide expert opinions as to whether the person is impaired or if they may have a medical condition or other circumstance that may be mimicking impairment (i.e. diabetes, head injury). If determined that the person is impaired by something other than alcohol, the DRE can opine the category or categories of drugs that are causing the impairment.

The use of DRE's aids arresting officers, prosecutors, and courts in their respective involvements in the case. The main goal of the program is to prove or disprove the association of medication or drug use with impairment. Blood tests can only show the presence and sometimes quantification of specific drugs, however, the observations of the officer or deputy involved in the arrest and the DRE are what help prosecutors, courts, and juries to recognize that the person was impaired due to the drug categories used. The simple presence of a drug or drugs does not necessarily indicate the person was impaired.

Current Active DRE's

Sheriff Dale Schmidt Deputy Dylan Ott
Lieutenant Dustin Waas Deputy Scott Anderson
Lieutenant Ryan Brehmer

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) EVALUATIONS					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Evaluations	9	7	22	11	14
On-Duty Evaluations	9	7	16	10	11
Off-Duty Call In	0	0	6	1	3
Other Agency Request	1	0	2	1	5

Fatal Vision Program



Zachary Kuckkahn
Patrol Deputy

Fatal vision is a training tool used to vividly demonstrate the concept of impairment and the dangers of impaired driving. Fatal vision's purpose is to duplicate impairment caused by a specific level of alcohol or other drug ingested by a human. Alcohol and other drugs affect the brain which results in a variety of impairments. The fatal vision goggles distort vision and cause behaviors that are similar to behaviors exhibited by someone under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn oversees this valuable community training program.

Many of the training events have focused on high school-age students. These young drivers are given a realistic view of the dangers of driving while impaired and the deadly consequences of their choices. The program provides practical exercises to understand decision-making, responsibility, and consequences. The training program often concludes with the use of fatal vision goggles and other drug-impairment goggles.

Another important aspect of the Fatal Vision Program is the court-sponsored One Chance Program. This is offered to first-offense underage alcohol offenders. The offenders are required to attend the Fatal Vision Program, participate in eight hours of community service, and write an essay about what they have learned from the experience. If the judge accepts their efforts, the citation is dismissed.

In 2024, the sheriff's office Fatal Vision Program was presented to eight groups totaling 107 people. There are plans to work with high schools in the area to provide presentations about this valuable information.

Operating While Intoxicated					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
OWI 1st	275	268	326	301	255
OWI 2nd	84	59	58	73	70
OWI 3rd	37	42	49	49	35
OWI 4th	19	19	24	15	24
OWI 5th	6	7	10	10	6
OWI 6th	5	8	3	1	2
OWI 7th	1	1	0	1	1
OWI 8th	1	0	0	1	1
OWI 9th	0	0	1	2	0
OWI 10th	0	0	1	0	0
Total OWIs	428	404	472	453	394

Traffic Citations					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Underage Drinking	74	192	228	193	211
One Chance	31	47	40	7	46
Speeding	1,905	1,767	1,798	1,179	1,368
Safety Belt	177	159	157	73	109
Fail to Obey Signal	155	130	180	184	243
Operate After Suspension	310	291	349	252	257
Operate After Revocation	170	192	172	169	187
Too Fast for Conditions	22	39	27	32	49
Warnings Issued	9,539	9,396	10,944	7,612	9,468

Operating Without a License	
Operating a vehicle without a commercial license	3
Operating a vehicle without a license, first offense	307
Operating a vehicle without a license, second offense in 3 years	128
Operating a vehicle without a license, third offense in 3 years	61
Operating a vehicle with an expired license	12
2024 Totals	511

Crashes					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Bus	1	6	3	1	10
Deer	355	356	410	349	366
Motorcycle	21	25	24	14	28
Farm Equipment	4	5	3	7	7
Pedestrians	4	2	2	1	1
Personal Injury	200	218	238	220	236
Total Injuries	290	317	317	297	325
Fatal Crashes	7	12	9	8	12
Total Fatalities	8	15	11	11	17
Annual Totals	928	993	1,034	1,018	1,049

Statistics represent incidents that the Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled, not incidents that the municipal agencies within Dodge County handled. Exception is traffic fatalities numbers will represent all incidents within Dodge County covered by the Dodge County Sheriff's Office and the municipalities within Dodge County.

K9 Units						
	Deputy Mayer K9 Cade	Deputy Anderson K9 Bak	Deputy K9 Ok'o	Combined		
K9 Deployments	41	94	17	152		
Vehicle Sniffs	256	100	27	383		
K9 Tracks	0	11	0	11		
School Locker Sniffs	0	0	0	0		
Public Appearances	6	5	3	14		
Drug Arrests Made	40	37	2	63		
Total Value of Drugs Seized	\$32,540.00	\$7,473.00	\$930.50	\$40,943.50		

ATV/UTV/OHM Patrol					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Patrol Hours	215.75	217	109.25	124.75	76.7
Registration Violations	29	92	11	11	27
OWI/PAC	2	2	0	4	5
Illegal Operation/ Closed Trail	19	47	4	10	6
Helmet Violations	1	10	2	5	6
Other Violations	12	65	16	17	24
Weekday Hours	133.5	69.5	53.25	84	40
Weekend Hours	82.25	147.5	56	40.75	36.7

ATV/UTV/OHM Involved Crashes	2023	2024
Property Damage Only Crashes	0	0
Injury Crashes	3	6
Fatal Crashes	0	1
Boat Involved Crashes	2023	2024
Property Damage Only Crashes	0	0
Indiana One alle a	1	1
Injury Crashes	·	

Boat Patrol							
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Patrol Hours	188	157	104	287	297		
Registration Violations	71	26	23	22	43		
OWI	0	0	0	0	0		
Flotation Device Violations	23	7	11	17	23		
Navigation Lighting Violations	73	37	11	17	9		
Other Violations	30	15	3	37	32		
Weekday Hours	67	18	31	125.5	114		
Weekend Hours	121	139	73	161.5	180		

Snowmobile Patrol						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Patrol Hours	41	135.5	7.75	54.5	63.75	
Registration Violations	1	13	3	6	15	
OWI/PAC	0	4	0	2	0	
Trespassing/ Closed Trail	6	5	3	2	2	
Fail to Obey Sign	2	11	0	0	3	
Other Violations	1	16	0	2	2	
Weekday Hours	16	87	0	36.25	27	
Weekend Hours	25	48.5	7.75	18.25	36.75	

DOSO Transports — Juveniles						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Trips	32	6	13	18	19	
Hours	97	15	51	46	39	
Milage	3,637	436	1,351	1,919	1,590	

DOSO Transports — Adults						
	2020*	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024	
Trips	374	17	40	78	105	
Hours	1,003	86	92	138	147	
Milage	36,591	1,486	2,964	5,866	6,730	

^{*}Beginning October, 2020 adult transports were contracted through Redi Transport and are not included in the October 2020 and later numbers.

^{*}Beginning 2023, new circumstance codes implemented to capture more accurate data with all transports. 2022 numbers updated to reflect those changes.

Redi Transports — Adults						
	2022	2023	2024			
Trips	583	654	723			
Milage	46,886	51,393	55,647			

Civil Process						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Total Papers Served	1,088	1,043	1,022	1,163	1,104	
Served for Dodge County Agencies	40	45	36	44	32	
Revenue to Dodge County	\$59,876	\$55,804	\$58,481 .05	\$65,710.17	\$67,932.40	
Total Charges for Dodge County Papers	\$2,725	\$3,050	\$2,630	\$3,710	\$2,475	

Sheriff Sales						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Total Sales	22	28	27	13	20	
Total in Dollars	\$3,707,476	\$3,348,013	\$3,022,656.10	\$2,625,058.55	\$4,714,778.69	

Court Ordered Writs Served						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Executions Against Property	0	2	3	0	0	
Writs of Assistance	5	1	9	5	4	
Writs of Restitution	91	88	82	82	98	
Writs of Replevin	9	14	4	5	15	

Total Writs Served 2024 — 117

Reeseville Contract

On January 1, 2022, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office began contracted law enforcement services for the Village of Reeseville. We currently have four deputies assigned to Reeseville with a sergeant overseeing the scheduling portion of the contract.

The sheriff's office currently provides 10 hours of coverage a week, which averages to 40 hours a month. Deputies enforce both state statutes and village ordinances. The sheriff's office supplies all the necessary equipment including firearms, ammunition, portable radio, and other protective equipment. The Village of Reeseville provides a fully equipped squad car with the necessary equipment to carry out law enforcement functions.

One of the primary responsibilities for our deputies assigned to Reeseville is to engage in active community-orientated policing strategies. This is accomplished through collaborating with the community to develop problem-oriented strategies and increase trust in local law enforcement. The Sheriff's Office continual goal is to be proactive versus reactive to known problems which can be especially effective in a small community such as the Village of Reeseville.

Reesville Deputies



Derek TrittPatrol Sergeant



Trevor Mallon
Patrol Deputy



Martin Keberlein
Patrol Deputy



Matthew Burns
Patrol Deputy



Zachary Kuckkahn
Patrol Deputy

Reeseville Contract

Calls for Service				
Building Check	368			
911 Hangup	1			
Intelligence	0			
Ordinance Violation	18			
Sex Offense	0			
Traffic Complaint	5			
Traffic Stop	43			
Walk and Talk	1			

Citations				
Animal at Large	1			
Operate w/o Valid DL	2			
Operate After Suspension	3			
Operate After Revocation	1			
Operate w/o Insurance	1			
Parking	12			
Speeding	3			
Non-Registration of Vehicle	2			
Theft	1			
Ordinance Violation	1			

Lomira Contract

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office began contracted law enforcement services to the Village of Lomira in March of 2023 subsequent to the sheriff's office managing the police department from September 2022 until February 2023. There are three, full time deputies assigned to the village, including a School Resource Officer (SRO) which averages about 20 hours per week in the school.

Sergeant Donald Counard led the Lomira deputies, Deputy Jay Thielmann and Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn. Deputy Thielmann was appointed as SRO, and works patrol within the village outside of school hours. Deputy Thielmann was not able to assume the assignment at the beginning of the contract, so Deputy Codey Bratz volunteered to assume the role to complete the 2022-2023 school year. Deputy Kuckkahn was the third deputy assigned to the village. Lieutenant Brian Loos is the administrator assigned to oversee the deputies working in Lomira.

The sheriff's office has established positive relationships with residents, students, and businesses within the village during 2023 through community oriented policing and we look forward this enhanced service to Lomira for years to come.

We are very proud of our deputies and the relationships they have built in the village, after nearly two years of contracted law enforcement services. We strive to maintain a high level of presence and proactivity, yet incorporate community oriented policing strategies in our services to the village.

The 2024 year maintained staffing of three deputies, one of which was a part time School Resource Officer (SRO). You will notice a change at the beginning of 2025, as our contract was renegotiated to allow for SRO position to become a full-time, school-funded position. This will also include services to the Theresa Learning Community, part of the Lomira School District. Additionally, we will be adding another full time patrol deputy in the contract with the village, for a total of four deputies. We are proud of the work our deputies have done in Lomira, which was key to the new changes to come in 2025!

Your Lomira deputies include Sergeant Donald Counard, Deputy Jay Thielmann (SRO), Deputy Codey Bratz, and Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn. LT Brian Loos oversees the contract services to the village.

Lomira Contract



Brian LoosPatrol Lieutenant



Donald CounardPatrol Sergeant



Jay Thielmann School Resource Officer



Zachary Kuckkahn
Patrol Deputy



Codey BratzPatrol Deputy

Calls for Service				
Building Check	1,551			
911 Hangup	130			
Gas Drive Off	42			
School Complaint	28			
Suspicious	57			
Traffic Complaint	257			
Traffic Stop	1,072			
Walk and Talk	239			

Community Service Officers

In early 2024, David Montellano and Neil Zirbel started as CSO's following the departure of CSO Ryan Milliken, and Skyler Starry. Congratulations to Skyler on his new position with the Nashville, Tennessee Metro Police Department!

You may recognize CSO Montellano from some of our online posts regarding the "law of the month". In addition to performing that duty, CSO's perform duties allowing for deputies to focus their efforts on investigations and enforcement actions.

Many of those tasks include but are not limited to the following:

- Helping motorists in need by providing rides, emergency lighting, calling repair services or tow trucks.
- Conduct traffic control at emergency scenes.
- Assist with Traffic/Parking when requested for large events.
- Help shuttle squads from repair facilities and other errands.
- · Conduct Speed Survey's.
- Move speed enforcement signs to the proper crash reduction zone.
- Assist with minor calls for service including animal bite reports, car versus deer crashes, etc.

The CSO program is a great way for us to get our youth involved with serving our community and gain valuable experience in the field of law enforcement and community policing.



SCO David Montellano



CSO Neil Zirbel

Dignitary Detail

During the first week of October Sheriff Schmidt fielded a phone call from the United States Secret Service informing him that the Donald J. Trump campaign had intentions to hold a political event at the Juneau Airport on October 6th. The sheriff's office was asked to work collaboratively with the Secret Service and other law enforcement partners in the extensive planning and execution of creating a safe environment not only for then-former President Trump but also the estimated 8,000 – 12,000 visitors who attended. This comes on the heels of recent assassination attempts that occurred only weeks prior to our event.

The planning portion required began four short days prior to the visit and the sheriff's office administration team formatted a comprehensive operational plan for traffic planning/motorcade, Tactical operations, Fire/Ems operations, and overall security operations. The sheriff's office was able to secure lifts, tower lights, and UTV's from our local business partners at no cost which was a huge benefit for our operations. Our local highway department also played an integral part in placing hundreds of yards of snow fence and staged highway trucks as blocking mechanisms both at the airport and along the motorcade route.

The operational period began the night prior on October 5, and we staged law enforcement personnel overnight as security monitoring the airport premises. At 6 a.m. law enforcement began arriving at our staging area at the Henry Dodge building where they were eventually shuttled to the airport to assume their posts upon arrival. Overall, there were thirty-three sworn law enforcement personnel on the grounds of the airport that were assigned pre-determined posts with specific assignments. Our tactical teams which were comprised of fifty-eight sheriff's office SWAT personnel and other surrounding counties SWAT team took positions around the grounds working in collaboration with the Secret Service. The traffic operations were positioned along the route of travel which consisted of our sheriff's office personnel and our neighboring partners which consisted of thirty-seven law enforcement personnel just in the jurisdiction of Dodge County. We had two Sheriff's Office personnel who assisted with the motorcade which departed from the Dane County Regional Airport to the Juneau Airport and back.

President Trump was safely escorted to the Juneau airport without incident arriving at 1:40 p.m. and departing the event at 4:08 p.m. We are proud to report that the event yielded no arrests or injuries to staff or attendees. The event was staffed by over 128 sworn law enforcement personnel both locally and by other surrounding jurisdictions. Without the cooperation and participation of our partners, this would not have been possible. Sheriff Schmidt received high praise from the Secret Service and was told this was the most organized and safe campaign event that they had seen. This was an incredibly proud moment for our sheriff's office and one of the largest events that has ever occurred in Dodge County.









Sheriffs Citizen Academy

The sheriff's office hosted its ninth Sheriff's Citizen Academy. This year there were 11 participants who were given hands-on demonstrations into the daily activities of the sheriff's office. During the 13-week course, academy participants were exposed to OWI investigations, Recreational Patrol, a K9 demonstration, a presentation by District Attorney Andrea Will, Crash Investigations, Criminal Investigations, and defense and arrest tactics (DAAT). They also made mock traffic stops and conducted room-clearing tactics.

They also took a tour of the dispatch center where they learned the responsibilities and dedication the communication officers have. The academy took a tour of the Dodge County Detention Facility and learned the responsibilities of our jail staff. Dodge County Medical Examiner PJ Schoebel also explained what the duties and responsibilities of the medical examiner are. Chaplin Bauer spoke with the group and educated the class on the Chaplin Program.

The class had opportunities to do ride-alongs with the deputies with most of the class doing at least one ride along. Participants say this is truly insightful to the daily activities of our staff and they get to see the professionalism exhibited by the deputies.

The countless hours of dedication and instruction provided by the patrol deputies, correctional officers, communication officers, and other members of county agencies has created a bridge of understanding between law enforcement and Dodge County citizens.



Front, from left: Tricia Wild, JoAnn Neuman, Taylor Rahn, Haley Welsch,

Kayla Nehr, Devan Weiss

Back, from left: Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Dean Vossekuil, Peter Scheerer,

Lieutenant Joseph Nicholas

Not pictured: Debra Hunt and Eunice Cruz

Court Security

In response to Chapter 59.27(3) of the Wisconsin statutes and Chapter 70.38 of the Wisconsin State Supreme Court Rules, the Sheriff of Dodge County and the presiding judge have established a level of court security in the Dodge County Justice Facility. The Dodge County Sheriff and the presiding judge wish to address the potential dangers to the safety of county and state employees who work in the Dodge County Justice Facility as well as that of the public who conduct business in the facility.

Court security in the Justice Facility is designed to increase building security in a fiscally responsible manner. The manner of security is also designed to avoid unreasonable inconvenience to both staff and the public. Court security will provide a deterrent to acts of violence by maintaining a presence of security and by attempting to keep dangerous weapons and other unauthorized items out of the facility. A secondary mission of the court security staff includes providing information, direction and other customer service to the public.

Part-time court security staff in 2024: Kelly Cotter, Mark Jahnke, Steve Allermann, Michael Morell, Carl Schultz, Randy Kind, Mike Klavekoske, Ron Zenk, Skylar Starry, and Kevin Harvancik.





Court Security

Activity

The Sheriff's Office received a new X-ray scanner to replace the original X-ray scanning machine, which allows the deputies to screen items faster with better accuracy with the technological advancements since 2001 and this resulted in more contraband being located.

Court security officers screened 35,245 visitors who entered the justice facility in 2024 which gives a monthly average of 2,937 and a daily average of 140.

Court security officers are proactive and attend proceedings that are of a sensitive nature or have the potential of being emotionally charged. Examples of the proceedings are temporary restraining order hearings, juvenile hearings and plea and sentencing hearings. We feel this presence is a calming influence and prevents disturbances before they occur.

Court Security Activity							
Arrests	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Disturbances	3	2	5	0	1		
Miscellaneous	3	2	8	9	5		
Warrants	40	49	50	40	50		
Total	46	53	63	49	56		
Disturbances	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Clerk of Courts	2	3	2	1	1		
Courtrooms	1	2	3	1	1		
Family Court	0	0	0	0	0		
Other	6	5	4	1	2		
Total	9	10	9	3	4		
Miscellaneous	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Paper Service	6	2	2	3	3		
Subj. in Custody	76	88	70	80	98		
Special Requests	329	300	342	358	323		
Confiscation	0	0	4	11	335		
Total	783	788	692	452	805		

Captain Jason Boeck — Commander Lieutenant Taylor Nehls — Supervisor

The Criminal Investigation Division is made up of four separate units.

Detectives

Sgt Det. Vickie Brugger

Det. Michael Lake

Det. Andy Rolfs

Det. Dean Hopp

Det. Kasey Young

Det. Kelsey Becker

Drug Task Force

Sgt. Brad Konkel

Deputy David Trevarthen

Deputy Carmen Micale

Evidence/Property

Deputy Secretary Nichole Miller

Background Investigations

Deputy Robert Neuman
Deputy Thomas Horvath

Dennis Walston

Kevin Harvancik

Division Overview

Dodge County currently has six detective positions working on general assignment cases. One detective is assigned as the Institutions Investigator and one patrol sergeant is assigned as the unit lead of the Dodge County Drug Task Force. The Drug Task Force also has two deputies assigned full time to the unit. There is one deputy secretary assigned as the evidence clerk for the Evidence/Property Room and two deputies who work part-time doing pre-employment background investigations for the sheriff's office and jail.

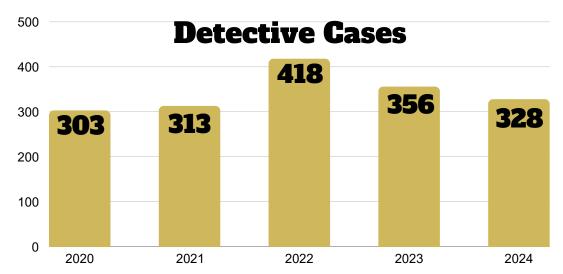
Annual Performance Objectives

- 1. Incorporating a fraud checklist to give to patrol for all fraud investigations. This checklist will help guide patrol in their investigation as well as obtain the necessary information needed for detectives to conduct follow up. This will also coincide with a solvability rating that will determine if our agency will follow up on the fraud and determine how much time we put into a case to investigate it.
- 2. Identifying and training a new ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) investigator. Due to Sergeant Brugger's retirement coming in early 2025, we need to identify a new ICAC investigator to help with ICAC case load.
- 3. Our detectives cover general case assignment which requires them to properly investigate a vast variety of case types. This had lead us to identify six mandatory trainings for all full-time detectives. Those trainings that are required for our detectives to attend are Death Investigation, Evidence Tech, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, Fraud, and Interview Techniques. During 2025 we will continue sending our detectives to these mandatory trainings that they have not yet completed.

4. Senior Victimization Prevention - This will be addressed by providing efficient response to our seniors as it relates to concerns for crime prevention and response to offenses committed against seniors. Prevention will include education as it relates to identity theft and fraud prevention. The sheriff's office will take an active role in community education by speaking to our senior groups and providing necessary hand-outs on common fraud against our senior population in Dodge County.

Detective Investigations

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office receives thousands of calls for service each year. Some complaints are criminal in nature while others are not. Each criminal complaint is usually assigned to a deputy in the Patrol Division. After the report is completed a supervisor reviews it. The patrol lieutenant will then decide if the case should be forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division. There were 328 cases assigned to detectives in 2024.



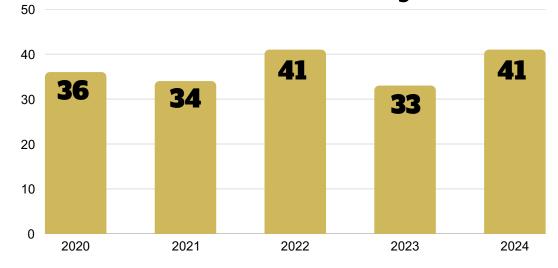
Not all cases handled by the sheriff's office start with a patrol deputy as the first responder. Cases such as unanticipated death investigations, undercover drug investigations, child abuse referrals from Child Protective Services, elder abuse referrals from Adult Protective Services or any other case that the shift officer in charge feels can be started with a detective as the first responder or point of contact.

Detectives also receive non-criminal assignments which can include welfare fraud referrals, child welfare checks, fire investigations that may not be criminal in nature, forensic previews of cell phones for other agencies, follow-up requests and Jon Doe investigations from the District Attorney's office, along with forensic recorded child victim interviews to name only a few. These additional assignments are not captured in the crime data that is reported to the federal government for tracking purposes and all of these assignments do not appear in the total cases referenced above.

Total Violent Crimes by Year							
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024							
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	0	0	2		
Negligent Manslaughter			1	2	0		
Rape	3	2	7	6	6		
Robbery	0	1	2	1	0		
Aggravated Assault	32	31	30	24	33		
Total Violent Crimes	36	34	41	33	41		

^{*}The above data is from the Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting website. Prior years shown above may have been updated from previous annual reports due to the fact that not all crimes are reported to law enforcement in the month/year they actually occur and are transmitted to the Wisconsin UCR website monthly after investigation and determination of an offense.

Total Violent Crimes by Year



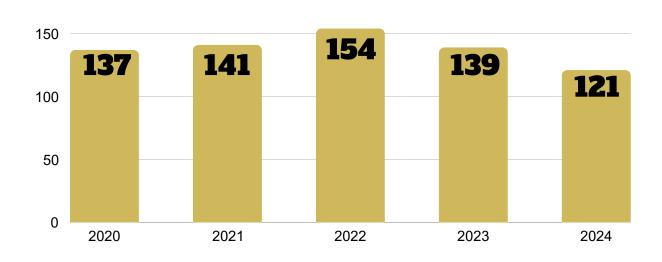
^{*}For 2019-2021 both murder & non-negligent manslaughter were combined with negligent manslaughter. The two have been separated for 2022 and 2023.

Total Property Crimes by Year							
2020 2021 2022 2023 2024							
Burglary	19	22	32	26	10		
Larceny/Theft	103	101	109	101	98		
Motor Vehicle Theft	15	17	11	11	12		
Arson	0	1	2	1	1		
Total Property Crimes	137	141	154	139	121		

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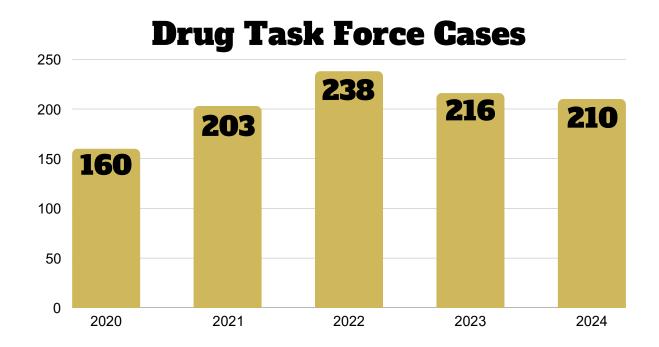
Total Property Crimes by Year

200



Drug Enforcement Unit

Methamphetamine and cocaine continue to be at the forefront of the drug trade in Dodge County. We have generated cases on most other drugs locally but the meth and cocaine was the most prevalent in 2024. There has been a significant impact in our communities by this epidemic including 13 drug overdose deaths. The Dodge County Drug Enforcement Unit is committed to working with all agencies within the county and surrounding areas to continue to develop informants, arrange controlled buys, and conduct search warrants in an effort to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking and abuse within Dodge County.



Evidence/Property Room

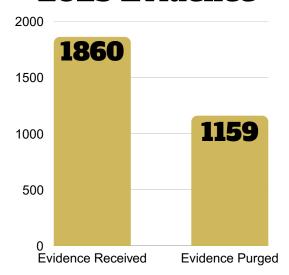
Evidence is universally defined as property that has significance in determining the truth of a matter being investigated. This could include many different components of the investigative process such as fingerprints or DNA that identifies the suspect who committed the crime, digital audio and video files from sources, items recovered that were stolen from the crime scene, shoeprints, tool marks or tire tracks, just to name a few. These items are collected in the field by deputies or detectives and packaged prior to being submitted to the property room.

The Evidence Clerk is responsible for evidence intake, which includes:

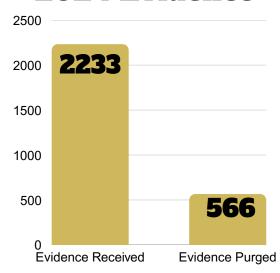
- Inspecting packaging to ensure evidence is properly sealed
- Categorizing the evidence
- · Storing evidence in designated areas

Upon completion of the criminal case or expiration of the statute of limitations, evidence is retrieved and purged from the evidence room. The International Association of Property and Evidence estimates that each case needs approximately 30 minutes of research to make a purging decision.

2023 Evidence



2024 Evidence



Lomira Police Department Evidence

In 2023, the Lomira Police Department was disbanded, and the Dodge County Sheriff's Office began contracted police services for the Village of Lomira. In providing this service, it added a lot of work, and items to our evidence room. The first step was to help organize and purge their evidence. All items were documented on paper only, therefore, once all items that could be purged were disposed of, next came entering the remaining pieces into the Record Management System, Spillman. For cases that were mid-2017 and newer, the evidence could be added to the existing incident. For cases that were before this time, a new incident needed to be created in Spillman, and then the evidence could be added.

The amount of evidence from the Village of Lomira are as follows:

Deputies can submit Dodge County Sheriff's Office evidence at the Lomira substation. In 2024, 54 pieces of evidence were submitted at the Lomira substation, which includes one piece a month from the Prescription Pill Drop Box. There were also items that were taken in at the Lomira substation but returned before being brought back to the sheriff's office.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is also the repository for surrendered firearms. Court orders or other legal proceedings determine the length of time these firearms are stored in the evidence room.

Pre-employment Background Investigations

A thorough background check is conducted to ensure that prospective employees do not have any personal or professional issues that would preclude them from law enforcement or corrections service. Currently, there are two deputies working as part-time background investigators for the sheriff's office.

Background investigators will review employment history, character references, academic records, residency history, criminal history, and financial history. A background investigation typically includes interviews with those who know the applicant, including previous employers, school or military personnel, neighbors, and family members. Completed investigation summaries and documentation received during those investigations are turned in to the division requesting the background and forwarded to the sheriff for final approval.

Lieutenant Christine Churchill Sergeant Pamela Uecke-Tinsely Sergeant Jeramy Grossman Sergeant Erica Lemke Sergeant Dawn Learned

A-1 Team

Jeramy Grossman Michelle Weber Tom Hazelberg Tammy Gebhardt

A-2 Team

Vicki Lessard Vanessa Schaefer Holly Buchda

B-1 Team

Dawn Learned
Pamela Uecke-Tinsely
Katy Buchda
Greta Krehoff

B-2 Team

Erica Lemke
Josh Paternoster
Kayla Seely
Trinity Radcliffe

Nikki Christensen - Warrants Specialist

A-1 Team



A-2 Team





B-1 Team



B-2 Team

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office E-911 Dispatch Center consists of 18 full-time communications officers. Our dispatch center is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for all 911 and non-emergency calls placed in Dodge County. Phone and radio communications are provided for Sheriff's Deputies, municipal police officers, fire departments, EMS, and all other public safety agencies in Dodge County 24/7, 365 days a year. Dispatchers are the "true first responders" to every emergency within the county.

How do I know when to dial 911?

Anytime you find yourself in a situation that requires an emergency response from a law enforcement agency, a fire department, or an ambulance service, you should call 911. As a general rule, if you face a situation where you are trying to decide whether to call 911 or not, CALL 911. It is always better to be safe, than risk the chance of not getting the help you need when you need it.

If you have a situation that you need to report but the incident is a past event and non-threatening, (not in progress, suspects are unknown or not seen), i.e., theft of personal property, past criminal mischief/vandalism, a theft from an auto that occurred during the night, then you can report the incident by calling in on the Dodge County Sheriff's Office administrative phone line (920) 386-3726.

Anytime you are unsure of when to call 911, it is always better to call 911 than risk not getting help when you need it. If you cannot safely call 911, in Dodge County, you can **TEXT 911.**

What can I expect when I call 911?

When you call 911, your call will be answered by an E-911 dispatcher. The dispatcher will conduct an interview to determine the type of emergency service needed. Questions generally asked fall into key questions of WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and depending on the situation, WHY. It is important to listen to the dispatcher and answer the questions asked. The dispatcher must ask you specific questions in order to ensure you receive the kind of help needed. It may seem that you are asked a lot of questions and that a lot of time has passed, however, our trained dispatchers will only ask questions that are necessary to getting you the proper help you need. This generally takes less than 30-45 seconds. Often times the dispatcher will dispatch emergency response units and will return to ask follow-up questions. The main objective is to remain calm and listen to the dispatcher's instructions...help is on the way.

What happens if I accidentally call 911?

911 misdials occur frequently. Often many misdials are realized after the number is called and the caller will immediately disconnect the line. This is what is commonly referred to as a "911 hang-up". If a connection was made, regardless if the line was not answered by the E-911 dispatcher, the PSAP will still receive the call. It is very important to remain on the line even if you realize you misdialed. If you disconnect the line, the E-911 dispatcher must process the call as an unknown emergency until otherwise determined.

CALLS FOR SERVICE ASSIGNED TO UNITS

TOTAL Unit Calls — 90,021 | TOTAL Agencies —92* (*Includes out-of-county agencies)



28,321



40,39532 Agencies



11,305 60 Agencies

Communication Center Calls

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

911 Calls	19,056
Abandoned 911 Calls	1,201
Police Lines	15,131
Admin	30,140
Outgoing	25,550
Text-to-911	612
Prepared-Live Texts from Dispatch	527
Totals	91,016

911 Answer Time

95.19%

Calls answered in less than 10 seconds

3.60%

Calls answered in less than 20 seconds

1.21%

Calls answered in less than 50 seconds

98.79% of all 911 calls in Dodge County are answered in under 20 seconds.

Annual Calls for Service Assigned to Units		Warrants			
2020	89,627	Year	Entered	Cancelled/Arrested	
2021	92,056	2020	712	646	
2022	99,344	2021	811	622	
2023	91,328	2022	829	723	
2023	91,320	2023	633	600	
2024	90,021	2024	918	686	



ADMINISTRATION:

Scott Smith — **Jail Administrator**Jason Hundt — **Deputy Administrator**Dustin Beck — **Deputy Administrator**

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALISTS

Annette Duckett Amanda Hensen Karen Engels Nicole Krentz

Pamela Grosskopf

PROGRAMS OFFICERS

Scott Buckner | Marcus Kirchoff | Rose Zangl

SERGEANTS

Arthur Elsner Benjamin Plante
Kyle Hagen Jason Polsin
Mark Ketter Aaron Potratz
Bradley Knoll Chad Riter

Kevin Kuehl Benjamin Schepp

Samantha Laughlin Kurt Weber

CORPORALS

Kyle Opetz Dave Gorst Kevin Schultz Sean Bruss

Matthew Marvin

Team 1 AM Officers

Carla Diaz

Jerome Doornek

Nathaniel Hein

Don Krueger

Krista Longseth-Roberts

Kristin Marwitz

Brian Hill

Greg Oettinger

Deyvis Perez-Laguna

New Yerez

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Dan Watkerson

Dan Watkins

Jennifer Welch

Mikayla Klein

PM Officers

Alyssa Bailey Maira Koller
Morgan Bolin Jacob LaBelle
Sean Bruss Andrew Powell
Kasey Gresbach Adlen Rauch
Randall Heinitz Mitchell Stoll

Power Shift Melinda Babcock | Collin Neuens | Carson Schanilec

Team 2

Kyle Opetz

AM Officers

Robert Biermann Preston Franke
Kaitlyn Buss Leonard Kluck
Adriane Beisbier Brian Koch
Michael Garbalagtys Anna Schroeder
Brian Harkins Melissa Watkins
Debra Keel Jarrett Yeargin

PM Officers

Keteri Conrad Benjamin Gonnering
Jared Grady Owen Schraufnagel
Heidi Wieck Tiffany Tallman
William Rau Emily Vick

Joshua Reynolds

Power Shift Joshua Reynolds | Heather Myers | Hailey Neumann

Part-Time Officers

Carole Baker Patrick Dymond Sydney Finkler

Morgan Brennecke John Rivera Jordan Huncosky

Louis Dominguez Alesha Umentum Joshua Barth

Corrections Officers In Training

Madison Wagner | Grace Millard

Jail Transport — Part Time

Michael Asmus Robert Neuman

James Brace Owen Schraufnagel

Joel Cartier Terry Schulz

Donald Cook Darrel Stibb

Reggie Hummelmeier Art Tessmann

Richard Kinderman Bruce Bleich

Steven Lindemann

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office has a twenty-three-year history of intergovernmental agreements (IGA) with the United States Marshals' Service to house federal detainees and inmates. The first IGA was signed by then Chief Deputy Jerry Witte on April 19, 2001, and provided a per diem rate of \$60.00. Through much of 2023, work was done to renegotiate our current agreement, in effect since 201. Sheriff Schmidt closed the deal on March 1, 2024. This new IGA reimburses the Sheriff's Office at a rate of \$100.00 per bed, per day. Further, IGAs in effect after our original in 2001 have also included Federal agencies other than the USMS including Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

In 2024 the Dodge County Jail passed inspections to include three separate inspections by officials representing our Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) partners, one by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, one inspection by the US Marshals' Service, and our annual inspection by the WI Dept. of Corrections, Office of Detention Facilities (ODF). Our Dodge County Jail was held to a higher standard by our partners at ICE, having upgraded to the 2019 (most up-to-date version) National Detention Standards at the start of 2024. Having only been under this new standard system for three months at the time of our first inspection, the Jail's inspection by ICE resulted in a Good Facility Rating.

Our staff continue to be our priority and most valuable resource. With that as our mindset we have focused on the welfare of our current staff and their retention as valued members of our Sheriff's Office team, and the recruitment of new, talented officers to fill vacancies and ease the burden of officers carrying our daily workload. The landscape for employers nationwide continues to evolve and change; most work to mitigate the challenges of employee turnover rates higher than has been the case historically. Our Dodge County Jail's recruitment and hiring efforts, partnering with Dodge County Human Resources, efforts Office wide led by Sheriff Schmidt, and our Jail's efforts led by Lieutenant Dusty Beck, resulted in fourteen new hires in 2024. Fourteen hires and holding the same standards for new hires we have always had, and with a total workforce, in the Dodge County Jail, that includes sixty-four corrections officers is remarkable; a hiring of more than twenty percent of our group as a whole was accomplished.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a federal law that aims to prevent sexual abuse and harassment in correctional facilities. In Wisconsin, PREA applies to jails, state prisons, and other correctional facilities.

In May of 2024, our PREA audit was completed and memorialized in a final report by Great Lakes PREA Auditing and Consulting. The 199-page final document memorializing the PREA audit showed the Dodge County Jail as "Meets Standard" in all areas investigated by the certified PREA auditor.

A security enhancement was completed within certain housing areas. An area of interest (AOI) was identified during a routine review of PREA investigations in 2023. We addressed this issue by adjusting current cameras and the purchase one new camera to enhance our officers' camera views within those identified sections. This work was completed during the first half of 2024. It has led to additional work to enhance camera views that will be completed in 2025.

Booking Trends						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change
Male	2,416	2,398	2,735	3,315	3,704	+12%
Female	518	562	589	605	750	+24%
Total	2,934	2,960	3,324	3,920	4454	+14%
Tymo	2020	2021	2022	2023	3 2024	% Change
Type	2020	2021	2022	202	2024	% Change
City	8	2	0	0	0	0
County	1,451	1,750	1,866	2,04	7 2,516	+23%
FBOP	40	59	32	42	21	-50%
FED	258	246	250	286	415	+45%
ICE	694	398	621	1,07	1,000	-7%
Other	151	169	172	168	191	+14%
PRO	284	277	320	228	274	+20%
Sanction	48	59	63	71	37	-48%
Total	3,877	2,960	3,324	3,92	0 4,454	+14%

Jail Transports						
Years	Trips	Miles				
2020	720	107,062				
2021	674	99,910				
2022	597	111,585				
2023	691	112,341				
2024	708	129,569				

Jail Transports					
Trips Miles					
USMS	406	66,648			
ICE	302	62,691			
Total	708	129,339			

^{*}These miles are reimbursed as part of a contract with the federal government

Work Program, Self Improvement & Worship Programs

2024 participation in our inmate programs continued to provide consistent services for our Dodge County Jail population.

We have been successful in providing a number of religious study and worship opportunities for a diverse population in our jail. Our challenge of locating religious service providers that will travel to Juneau, Wis. has increased our ability to use our video meeting technology, on site, to provide services such as Ju'mah Muslim worship service, via video-meeting technology, each Friday.

In our kitchen, our food service provider, Aramark, successfully utilizes the work of selected inmate labor in food/meal preparation and cleanup. There were 7,615 split shifts scheduled in 2024. That is an increase of approximately 600 from 2023. This averages approximately ten inmates/detainees per day working in the kitchen every day throughout the year.

Our jail laundry is staffed with a staff of six inmates/detainees during the year. All uniforms, underwear, sheets, and towels are washed 2x per week for an average of 315 inmates/detainees. Thousands of pounds of laundry are successfully washed and maintained each week.

Our car wash is used by all deputies, detectives, and administrative staff of the Sheriff's Office for their assigned vehicles. In 2024 there were 830 shifts scheduled for the year, out of a possible 936. This was an increase from 2023. The carwash is staffed throughout the year by sentenced county inmates with Huber/Work Release status. Due to the high amount of available paying jobs, there were fewer available non-working inmates available to work in our carwash.

The inmate garden was staffed this year by two inmates that worked 6 days a week for about six hours a day. The inmates were also assigned to work in the carwash on scheduled days. There were 73 garden shifts scheduled on non-carwash days. It is unknown how many total garden hours were worked due to carwash and garden work taking place together on carwash days. This past year a vegetable cart was stocked with vegetables from the garden. which were free for the public to take and use.

Work Opportunities

Detail	Events
Car Wash	833
Kitchen	7,615
Laundry	1,660
Pod Cleaning & Assisting	6,570
Garden	73
Sewing/Repair Inmate Uniforms	22

*Each event tied to work is equivalent to a four-hour work shift opportunity.

Self Improvement Opportunities

Detail	Events
Alcoholics Anonymous	817
GED	572
English as a Learning Language (ELL/ESL)	714

*Each event is equivalent to an inmate/detainee registered to attend.

Religious Services

Detail	Events
Saturday Bible Study	135
Sunday Bible Study	672
Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants	117
Thursday Spanish Catholic Services	1237
Friday Spanish Catholic Services	197
Friday Jehovah's Witness Services	783
Jum'ah (Muslim Service)	338
Sunday Christian Worship	397

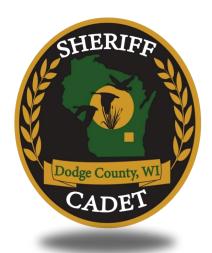
*Each event is equivalent to an inmate/detainee registered to attend.

Note: The current records system does not report individual participants. It does report a total of events, tied to individual attendance, that that took place for each category.

Public Safety Cadets



From Left: Deputy David Trevarthen, Deputy Scott Anderson, Cadet Miles Sherden, Cadet Liam Wellach, Cadet Captain Peyton Peiper, Cadet Gabriel Henriksen, Cadet Sergeant James Wanic, Cadet Lieutenant Kenneth Alsum, Cadet Aubrey Thom, Deputy Bradley Kulibert, and Deputy Daniel Croft.



Cadets/Deputies not photographed: Cadet Brady Nelson, Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn, and Deputy Easton Meier.

About the Program

- The Public Safety Cadets is a program aimed at the youth of our community. It is sponsored by all Dodge County law enforcement agencies and reaches out to youth looking at law enforcement as a career choice. It is open to high school and college students ages 14-21.
- The Public Safety Cadets is in its 16th year. The group was formerly known as the Dodge County Law Enforcement Explorer Post. There were 11 cadets in the program this year.

Stats

Year start — 8 Cadets New Cadets in 2024 — 3 Cadets Departing — 3 End of year total — 8

Total 2024 Participants — 11

Advisors

A total of six advisors all from the Dodge County Sheriff's Office supported the cadets and supervised 24 meetings and trainings. Those advisors are: Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Deputy Bradley Kulibert, Deputy Scott Anderson, Deputy David Trevarthen, Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn and Deputy Easton Meier.

Command Staff

- Captain Corey Ruis (age 19) of Waupun
- Lieutenant Kenneth Alsum (age 18) of Randolph
- Sergeant James Wanic (age 15) of Beaver Dam

Public Safety Cadets

Cadet of the Year



From left: Deputy Scott Anderson, Deputy David Trevarthen, Cadet Captain Peyton Peiper, Deputy Bradley Kulibert, and **Deputy Daniel Croft**

The Cadet of the Year Award was provided to Cadet Captain Peyton Peiper. Peyton runs all post functions serving as the head and creates sign-up sheets for volunteer activities. He is crucial to the current posts' function and is a valuable member of the team. Peyton additionally attended numerous volunteer events during 2024. With the award, he was awarded with scholarship for schooling of his choice. **Congratulations Peyton!**

Rookie of the Year



Cadet Sergeant James Wanic was presented with the Rookie of the Year award. James joined the post in 2024 and was eager to get involved. James attended numerous training volunteer events during 2024. James was recently selected to become the post's next Cadet Sergeant.

Congratulations James!

From left: Deputy Scott Anderson, Detective David Trevarthen, Cadet Sergeant James Wanic, Deputy Bradley Kulibert, and Deputy Daniel Croft

Public Safety Cadets

Competitions/Conferences



From left: Deputy
Zachary Kuckkahn,
Cadet Sergeant James
Wanic, Cadet Captain
Peyton Peiper, Cadet
Lieutenant Kenneth
Alsum, and Deputy
Easton Meier

In 2024, the Cadets participated in in the Milwaukee Police Department Cadet/Explorer Competition, Hartford Police Department Cadet Competition, Appleton Cadet Competition, Brown County Cadet Competition, and the WLEEAA State Conference. During each competition, the Cadets are graded on different events to include vehicle contact, force options, tactical medicine, incident command, crisis intervention, domestic disturbance, and dispatch operations. In the Milwaukee Competition the Cadets placed first in Crisis Intervention and Force Options. At the Appleton Competition the Cadets placed third in Dispatch Operations. At the Brown County Competition, the Cadets placed third in Domestic Disturbance.

Events

The Public Safety Cadets participated in the following community service projects:

Dodge County Fair | Lights and Sirens | Trunk or Treat | Dodge County Sheriff's Office SWAT Training

Cadets Hired in Law Enforcement

We are aware of 22 Public Safety Cadets (formerly Explorers) have been hired for law enforcement type positions since the inception of this program. We are confident there are more, but it is difficult to follow all the cadets after the leave or graduate from the program.

Sheriff Dale Schmidt Support Staff Supervisor David Zirbel



DAVID ZIRBEL Support Staff Supervisor

I have been with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office since January of 2004. I started out as a communications officer. I was promoted to 3rd shift communications sergeant in December of 2012 and since May of 2017, I am the support staff supervisor. In 2024 the Support Division took on many new tasks and assignments. Including Accreditation Software, Cloud based Digital Evidence Storage, upgrading to TRACS 10 and more. We were able, as a team, to flourish and meet each new challenge. We continue to work towards our division goal of having all records uploaded into one records management system.

KIM GILLEN

Administrative Support Specialist – Traffic

I have been employed by Dodge County since October 2022, coming to the Sheriff's Office in September 2023. My position is all about traffic. It could be citations (TraCS), phone calls from the public, blood results or stipulations from the court. A focus of my job is reports — proofreading and forwarding them to either Corporation Counsel or the District Attorney's Office. While attending the Traffic Safety Committee meeting each quarter, I learn so much about our county, driving habits and the work involved to make traveling safer for our residents. This year, it was fun to participate in the Shop with Cops (summer and winter), Cops 'n Bobbers and the Police Lights of Christmas fundraiser. If you ever need help with a citation or other traffic related issue, please reach out.





SUMMER FLASCH Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Technology & Sheriff

I have been with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office since January 2022. I am the Sheriff's secretary and run our social media accounts. Being the Sheriff's secretary I complete duties as assigned by the Sheriff. I also work on forms, employee recognition, squad inventory, the annual report, and much more.

In 2024 our Facebook had over 20 million views, over 1.6 million visits and has gained over 6,000 followers. I have been working hard to improve our socials and our outreach. Shameless plug.





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JODI ZITLOW Public Safety Administrative Support Specialist -Civil Process, Accounting, and Training

I have been with the county for a little over 14 years now. I began working in the corporation counsel's office and then transferred to the sheriff's office. I started my career at the sheriff's office by being the receptionist, civil process secretary, and open records clerk. After some retirements, our positions were reorganized for greater efficiency and balance of workload. Since I had a background in accounting, I gained the office accounting tasks, as well as training management and reviewing of office policies and procedures. I have continued with reception and civil process but gave up open records as that became overwhelming and needed one person's focus. During the years that I have been employed at the sheriff's office I have organized landlord/tenant training for the citizens of Dodge County, which led its way to start the Dodge County Landlord Association. I have been on the board of Shop with Cops, been on the Employee Recognition Committee, have helped organize the softball tournament fundraiser, am a member of the CART team, and received the award for 2022 support person of the year by the Dodge County Executive Law **Enforcement Association.**





DENISE DEIBERT

Public Safety Administrative Specialist –

Open Record and Reports

I have been with the county since September 2018. The main duty of this position is open record requests, which includes processing, redacting (if applicable), and dissemination. Since the inception of Marsy's Law, there are more in-depth protocols to ensure we abide by the open types of reports in a timely manner. I also proofed and process reports, which includes referring charges to the districts attorney's office. On a monthly basis we report our statistics to the state and federal level. I am also primary backup for other support staff, including civil process/finances, traffic, and sheriff/technology duties.

NICHOLE MILLER Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Evidence

I have been with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office since May of 2021 working as the property and evidence manager. I keep busy with evidence intake, returns, and disposal, lab transmittals, eTraces, found/safekeeping property, impound, and accreditation. I have also had opportunities to go out on scene and help our detectives and Drug Task Force. I helped with search warrants, death investigations, and robberies. I became a Certified Property and Evidence Specialist in 2024 and am proud to join that group. I am also continuously learning by attending conferences, crosstraining with the other administrative specialists, and visiting other agencies evidence managers. What can I say, I love my job!





RACHEL DAVISON

Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Criminal Investigations

Hello! I have been employed with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office since July of 2021. My primary role is support for the detective division and the Drug Task Force. Some of the different roles include report review, sending e-referrals to the District Attorney, performing download and analysis of cellphones, on scene photography and evidence assistance, and all things Motorola FLEX (I'm one of our agency's Motorola SAA super users). I'm also a TraCS Administrator and we were chosen as for the Motorola FLEX and TraCS 10 Pilot Program. This project was completed in 2024 and will be a huge benefit for all Motorola FLEX agencies in Wisconsin and nationwide.

This year I was also voted to serve as Vice President to the Dodge County Shop with Cops Board of Directors, so I assist with a lot of logistics for the Shop with Cops program and all of the yearly events including Cops 'n Bobbers, Shop with Cops Summer Edition, and the Holiday Shopping Event. I hope to see you at our next event!

CURTIS DEBOER

Public Safety Administrative Specialist - Open Records

I began working for the Dodge County Sheriff's Office in February of 2024. Prior to this position I worked nearly 19 years as a jail deputy for Columbia County. The main focus of my position is open records. I redact reports and videos to remove personal/sensitive information prior to it being released. I am also trained to help with discovery requests that are made by the District Attorney's Office. This includes gathering any digital evidence that will be needed for a court case and sharing it with the District Attorney's Office. I listen to the dispatch audio recordings and save any audio that pertains to particular cases. I am excited to continue to learn more and be a helpful member of a great team!



Dodge County's Most Wanted

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office Most Wanted program is an effort to resolve outstanding Dodge County warrants. When this program started there were close to 800 active Dodge County warrants. There are a variety of different warrants including warrants for failure to appear in court, traffic offenses, misdemeanors, felonies, child support and others. Some of the individuals that are wanted will never be held accountable for the offenses they have committed or restitution that is owed to their victims unless they are brought before the court. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office feels it is very important to bring these individuals in front of a judge so that the victims, witnesses and the courts can finally bring resolution to these cases.

Most Wanted	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Listed on Website	90	120	120	120	120
Apprehended	71	91	111	93	103

