

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



**SHERIFF
DAVE RIEWESTAHL**

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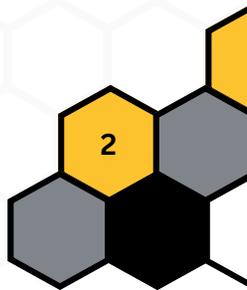
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SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

To: The People of Eau Claire County

It is an honor to serve as your Sheriff and to present our 2024 Annual Report for you to review. This past year, our team has worked tirelessly to uphold safety, foster trust, and strengthen our partnerships within the community.

Together, we have made strides in addressing public safety challenges while embracing innovative and evidence-based approaches to serve you better.

Your support and collaboration are the foundation of our success. As we move forward, we remain committed to transparency, accountability, and ensuring that Eau Claire County remains a safe place for people to live, work, and thrive.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in us.

Dave Riewestahl



THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF

This organization is officially known as the "Office of the Sheriff" or more commonly known as the "Sheriff's Office."

As the Sheriff is a constitutionally elected position, the term "Sheriff's Department" is, by definition, incorrect.

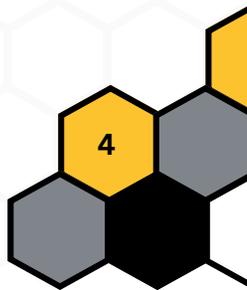
What is the difference between Sheriff's Department and Sheriff's Office, and why should it matter? To answer the first question, we can turn to Black's Law Dictionary, which defines the terms as follows:

- Department: 'One of the major divisions of the executive branch of the government generally, a branch or division of governmental administration.'
- Office: 'A right, and correspondent duty, to exercise a public trust. A public charge or employment, the most frequent occasions to use the word arise with reference to a duty and power conferred on an individual by the government; and when this is the connection, 'public office' is a usual and more discriminating expression in the constitutional sense, the term implies an authority to exercise some portion of the sovereign power, whether in making, executing, or administering the laws.'

Clearly, the Office of Sheriff is not simply another department of county government. Its internal operations are the sole responsibility of the Sheriff. County department heads are subordinate to the County Administrator because they are truly only a division of county government, and they work for him/her and for the governing body of the county (i.e. County Board.)

The Office of Sheriff, on the other hand, is a Constitutional Office having exclusive powers and authority. These powers are not subject to the dictates of a county administrator or the whims of a county board. The powers of this office have been exercised for hundreds of years.

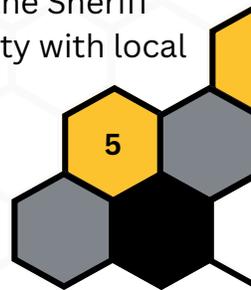
A Sheriff's Office, then, is fundamentally different from a county department, which derives its limited authority from whatever is delegated to it. This delegation is made by those individuals who hold an elected position, of office, in the governing body. The use of 'department' actually refers to a subordinate unit of government, rather than to a body with inherent powers and sovereignty, such as the Office of Sheriff.



OFFICE OF SHERIFF DUTIES

The Office of Sheriff has certain unique duties, powers, and responsibilities different from other law enforcement agencies. Some of these include (Wis. Stat. § 59.26 - 59.29):

- The Sheriff shall have command of the law enforcement force of the County.
- Take the charge and custody of the jail maintained by the county, including that portion of any jail that is used by the County in a joint government building, and the persons in the jail, and keep the persons in the jail personally or by a deputy or jailer.
- Keep a true and exact register of all prisoners committed to the jail.
- Attend upon the circuit court held in the County during its session. The Sheriff or one or more deputies shall attend the court of appeals when it is in session in the County.
- Personally, or by the Undersheriff or deputies, serve or execute all processes, writs, precepts, and orders issued or made by lawful authority and delivered to the Sheriff.
- To enforce in the County all general orders of the department of safety and professional services relating to the sale, transportation, and storage of explosives.
- Conduct operations within the County and in waters of which the County has jurisdiction for the rescue of human beings and for the recovery of human bodies.
- Enforce all city, or village, ordinances in a city or village, in which the sheriff provides law enforcement services under a contract described under Wis. Stat. § 62.13(2s)(a).
- The Sheriff, Undersheriff, and deputies shall keep and preserve the peace in the County and quiet and suppress all affrays, routs, riots, unlawful assemblies, and insurrections; for which purpose, and for the service of processes in civil or criminal cases and in the apprehending or securing any person for felony or breach of the peace they may call to their aid such persons or power of the County as they consider necessary.
- County law enforcement agencies may request the assistance of law enforcement personnel or may assist other law enforcement agencies as provided by law.
- The Sheriff or other officer who has legally arrested any person in any county may pass across and through such parts of any other county or counties as are in the ordinary route of travel from the place where such person was arrested to the place where the person is to be conveyed, according to the command of the process by which such arrest was made.
- The Sheriff has the power to call a posse comitatus (68 Atty. Gen. 334).
- The Sheriff can, on a case-by-case basis, assert leadership, control, and direction by reason of his/her superior position as chief law enforcement officer of the County. It is the duty of the local police officers to cooperate. Local law enforcement personnel are subject to the command of the Sheriff even when acting within their municipal boundaries when the Sheriff exercises a call to aid under Wis. Stat. § 59.28(1). The Sheriff has concurrent authority with local law enforcement personnel regardless of municipal boundaries (61 OAG 79).
- Perform all other duties required of the Sheriff by law.

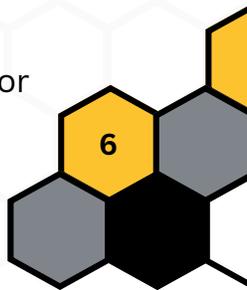


CODE OF ETHICS

OFFICE OF SHERIFF

As a constitutionally/statutorily 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 opinion, 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 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 principal 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 practice.
- **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 Sheriff.
- **I shall ensure** that during my tenure as sheriff, I shall not use the Office of Sheriff for private gain.
- **I accept and adhere to this code of ethics.** In so doing, I also accept responsibility for encouraging others in my profession to abide by this Code.



Committee on Judiciary & Law Enforcement

The Committee on Judiciary & Law Enforcement shall be responsible for oversight of the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Clerk of Courts, Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court, Circuit Court, and Criminal Justice Services.

In addition, the committee is responsible for advising the board on all matters pertaining to:

- Criminal justice
- Public safety
- Emergency communications and telephone number system
- Ordinances dealing with offenses under Title 9 of the County Code



**Gerald "Jerry" Wilkie
(Chairperson)
District 19**



**John Folstad
(Vice-Chairperson)
District 20**



**Brett Geboy
District 12**



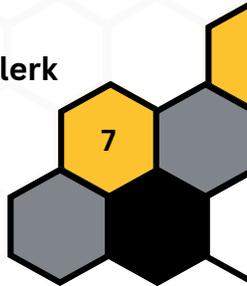
**Allen Myren
District 9**



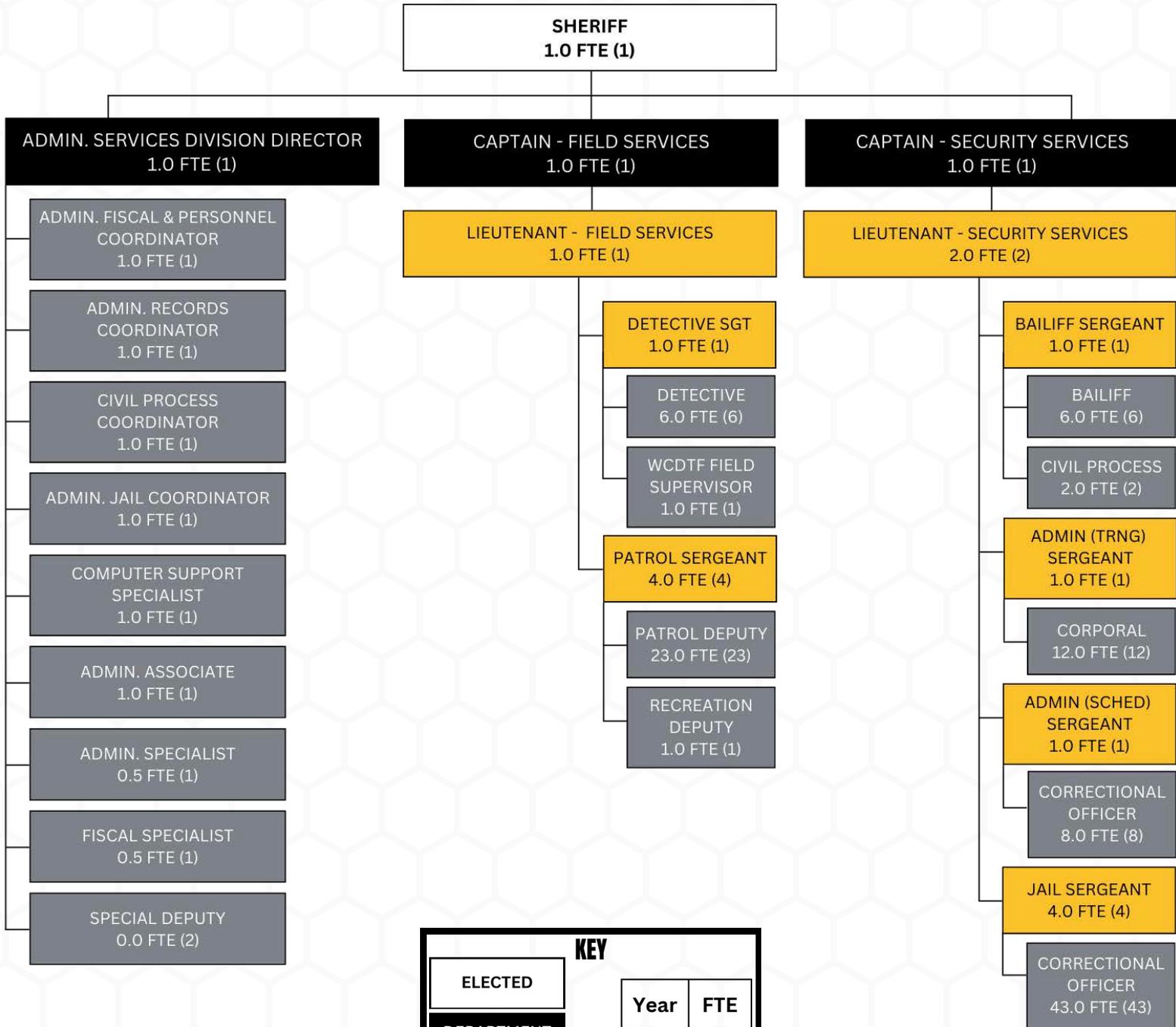
**Loralee Clark
District 27**



**Eric Huse
Committee Clerk**

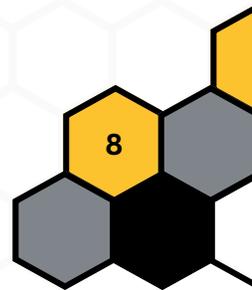


Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart



KEY	
ELECTED	
DEPARTMENT HEAD	
SUPERVISOR	
EMPLOYEE	

Year	FTE
2024	128
2023	128
2022	123



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Katrina Ranallo

Administrative Services Division Director

Katrina Ranallo grew up near Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her first few jobs in high school are where she also discovered her passion for customer service, working with people and leadership. Katrina moved to Western Wisconsin in 2007 where she continued to pursue her higher education at the University of Wisconsin-Stout where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Retail Merchandising and Management with emphasis on Marketing/Store Operations and a minor in Business. Katrina has called Eau Claire County home for the last 15 years.



ADMIN. SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR
1.0 FTE (1)

ADMIN. FISCAL & PERSONNEL
COORDINATOR
1.0 FTE (1)

ADMIN. RECORDS
COORDINATOR
1.0 FTE (1)

CIVIL PROCESS
COORDINATOR
1.0 FTE (1)

ADMIN. JAIL COORDINATOR
1.0 FTE (1)

COMPUTER SUPPORT
SPECIALIST
1.0 FTE (1)

ADMIN. ASSOCIATE
1.0 FTE (1)

ADMIN. SPECIALIST
0.5 FTE (1)

FISCAL SPECIALIST
0.5 FTE (1)

SPECIAL DEPUTY
0.0 FTE (2)

FIELD SERVICES DIVISION



Cory Schalinske
Captain & Undersheriff

Cory Schalinske joined the Sheriff's Office in 2012 after serving as the Chief of Police in the Village of Fall Creek. During his career he served as a leader on the Regional SWAT Team, Special Events Team, and Honor Guard. One of the most rewarding experiences for him was serving as a school resource officer. In 2017 Captain Schalinske graduated from the 267th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He looks forward to providing dedicated service to those within Eau Claire County through trust and partnership.

Dustin Walters
Lieutenant

Dustin Walters joined the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office in July 2012 as a Patrol Deputy. He previously served as a Police Officer and Deputy Sheriff at two other agencies in Western Wisconsin after graduating from the CVTC Law Enforcement Academy in 2005. He was promoted to Field Services Sergeant in 2018 and Field Services Lieutenant in 2021. In his current role, he supervises all patrol, investigative, and specialty operations. He is also currently the Commander for the Regional SWAT Team, the Regional Special Events Team, and the Honor Guard Team. He has spent much of his career as a law enforcement trainer in disciplines such as firearms, emergency vehicle operation, and less-lethal force options.



OUR MISSION - *The Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office seeks to professionally and efficiently provide a secure environment and to foster positive relationships within the community.*

OUR VISION - *Every interaction will keep in mind our core values to achieve community understanding and support towards safety of all citizens and harmony of our office. We will work collaboratively internally and with the Eau Claire County Justice Partners towards the goal of one less victim.*

CORE VALUES - *To accomplish our mission and achieve our vision we believe that a commitment to professionalism and a strong work ethic are imperative.*

PROFESSIONALISM

Honesty
Respectfulness
Fairness
Trustworthiness
Consistency

WORK ETHIC

Lead By Example
Do It Right The First Time
Help Each Other
Know Your Job

CODE OF ETHICS

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- **AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**, my fundamental duty is to serve humanity; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality and justice.
- **I WILL** keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.
- **I WILL** never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.
- **I RECOGNIZE** the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession....law enforcement.



SECURITY SERVICES DIVISION



Travis Holbrook
Captain & Jail Administrator

Travis Holbrook grew up in Eau Claire and is proud to call Eau Claire County home. He attended Chippewa Valley Technical College and received an A.S. degree in Protective Services. In 2002 Travis joined the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office and has since served as a Patrol Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, Jail Lieutenant/Assistant Jail Administrator and Jail Captain/Jail Administrator. As a member of the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Travis has taken on numerous additional responsibilities and duties. Travis has attended several leadership schools and is a graduate of the National Institute of Corrections - Executive Excellence (Class 23).

Chad Dachel
Lieutenant

Chad Dachel joined the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office in June 2021 as a Patrol Deputy. After graduating from Chippewa Valley Technical College in 2005 with a degree in Police Science, he immediately began his career with the Fall Creek Police Department. He served the Village of Fall Creek in various roles with the last 9 years as Chief of Police. Shortly after coming to the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, he transferred to the Security Service Division as a Court Service Officer. In April 2023, he was promoted to Jail Lieutenant/Assistant Jail Administrator overseeing daily operations of the Eau Claire County Jail as well as the Court Services Division.



OUR MISSION - *We will provide a safe and secure environment for those in our custody.*

OUR VISION - *We hope to return the offender to the community better than when they arrived by providing structure and an opportunity for a positive change.*

CORE VALUES - *To accomplish our mission and achieve our vision we believe that a commitment to professionalism and a strong work ethic are imperative.*

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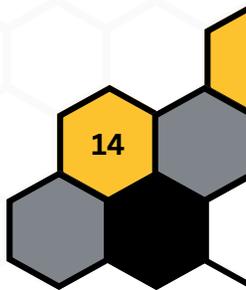
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Retention & Recruitment of Staff

- Eau Claire County rolled out a new compensation philosophy in 2024. This included reviewing the overall pay scale, wage, job description, and job title of all employees.
 - On average our correctional staff saw an 11% pay increase this year.
 - The WPPA Deputy Union negotiated a 10% pay increase this year.
- Our office kept Human Resources busy on hiring and recruiting new employees. We held Correctional Officer interviews almost monthly and hired 15 new CO's. We promoted 3 of our correctional staff to Jail Sergeant. We also conducted Patrol Deputy interviews and hired 5 new Deputies.
- In additions to hiring and recruiting the HR team conducted a time study for the Jail Sergeant role at the end of 2023. This time study highlighted that much of their time was spent in the office on administrative tasks. As a results two new Administrative Sergeant positions were created, with the help of HR and the County Board, to take the lead on staff scheduling and staff training. This will allow the four Jail Sergeants to be present with our Correctional Officers providing the first line supervision and enhance the coaching, teaching, and mentoring of our staff.
- Within the Security Services Division we transitioned the Field Training Officer (FTO) program from a voluntary additional duty/informal leader role into a formal leadership role by establishing 12 Training Corporals. We were able to promote 12 of our current Correctional Officers into this new role.

Eau Claire County Deflection Program

- The Deflection Program connects individuals struggling with substance use disorders or mental health disorders to treatment services, recovery support, mental health services, and community resources. This linkage to treatment or support services occurs prior to or at the beginning of criminal justice system. The ideal deflection candidate would be a low-level, non-violent offenders suffering with a substance use disorder or mental health disorder. In Wisconsin there are seven types of Deflection Pathways.
- In 2024 Eau Claire County has the Pre-Arrest/Pre-Charge pathway open. This is where law enforcement refers eligible individuals to the deflection program in lieu of citation, charge, or arrest.



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From the smallest tire change opportunity to the biggest challenge our community faces, we are here and will take a hands-on approach.

Motorist Assist

Project Lifesaver

Our staff conducted recertification training for Project Lifesaver. This program is available through our office and it is for adults or children that are prone to wander due to a medical condition.



Career Fairs

We were able to spend some time with Altoona High School students at their career fair. We had a great time providing insight into the law enforcement career and helping out with mock interviews.



Our office was an active participant in the community Drug Take-Back Events.

It's a free and easy way to dispose of your unused and expired medications.

Drug Take-Back Events

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Saturday, April 27



Eau Claire County Government Center (Courthouse) - main entrance

- 721 Oxford Ave.
- Enter via Lake Street and follow the signs for medication drop-off
- Curbside drop-off available.



Altoona Emergency Services Building

- 1904 Spooner Ave.
- Enter through the glass doors labeled "Police - Fire - EMS"



Deputies Pake and Tenold along with Fall Creek Fire District and EMS were dispatched to an at-home childbirth.

Helped with childbirth

Golfed

Our staff participated in a benefit to show support after the tragic death of Deputy Kaitie Leising, which occurred one year ago.



YEAR IN REVIEW - 2024



Detective Sgt. Gregory and Deputy Solem received awards from the Wisconsin Victim Witness Professionals Association for their efforts in supporting the programs offered.

Victim Witness Awardees

Civil Process Director

Aarika Raven was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the State of Wisconsin's Civil Process Group. The purpose of the group is to educate, inform, and be a resource for all personnel involved in Civil Process across the state.



Grenade Turned In

A grenade was located by a community member one evening. That community member brought it to the entrance of the Jail to turn it in.

Please do NOT do this!

Some of our dedicated correctional employees attended the American Jail Association conference in Ft. Lauderdale, FL!

This prestigious event was a fantastic opportunity for our team to gain valuable insights and to learn about the latest advancements in corrections.

National Conference



It was all hands-on deck for those who pitched in to help. Our staff responded to many calls for service and observed firsthand the power of the community working together.

Tornado

Speed Trailers

We purchased two speed trailers to use around the county to increase speed awareness in road construction zones and other road safety areas.



YEAR IN REVIEW - 2024



A few members from our office went to Lambeau Field to be honored as the Department Level recipients of the Protect & Serve Award, from the Green Bay Packers for the emphasis our office has placed on employee mental health.

Protect & Serve Award

Dunk Tank Fun

Detective Hovland was able to participate IN THE dunk tank for the kids at the Northwoods Elementary School Carnival. Looks like the kids were able to hit the bullseye a few times.



Blue Ox Festival

Blue Ox music festival was in full swing and to kick it off Deputies Solem and Seymour wrote well wishes that will be handed out to campers throughout the weekend.

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It is always a hot few days at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair but we found a moment or two to be young again and have fun with our other law enforcement friends.

Northern WI State Fair

Sunshine Awardee

Sergeant Ricci was the recipient of WEAU 13 News Sunshine Award. We couldn't be prouder of his service to our office and to those in Eau Claire County.



Bike Safety Donation

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SGT. DEREK RICCI & THE EAU CLAIRE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Another hot year at the Eau Claire County Fair. Congrats to all of our bike winners. We had a great time!



A huge shout out and thank you goes out to all of our donors that made this event possible!

EC County Fair

Fundraiser

We were honored to participate in an amazing fundraiser organized by Chasing Our Sunshine to support our EC County Fair Bicycles for Kids Program!

100% of the proceeds raised went to this program.



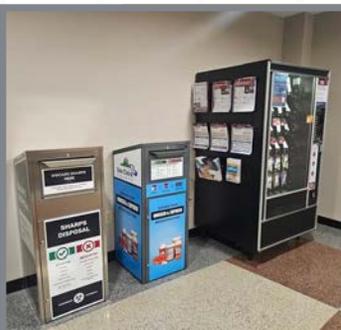
National Night Out

We had Deputies and Correctional Officers participating in this event at both the Fall Creek and Altoona locations.



Members of law enforcement agencies and fire departments from across the county and beyond gathered at The Sonnentag to remember the lives lost during the 9/11 attacks.

9/11 Remembrance



We are proud to announce that we've taken a major step in harm reduction efforts by providing 24/7 access to FREE life-saving resources for our community.

Harm Reduction

Coffee with a Cop

Our staff joined ECPD at the L. E. Phillips Senior Center who held a law enforcement appreciation event with cake.



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The Altoona Family Restaurant hosted this event again, this year. Breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner, people were seated and were served by area law enforcement. AFR alone donated almost \$10,000 dollars.

Kids 'n Cops Fundraiser

Recreation Deputy

The Recreation Patrol Deputy is a full-time position between EC County Parks & Forest, EC County Highway, and our office. Deputy Bull was the first person to hold this position in a full-time capacity.



Jail Booking Remodel

In 2024 the County Board approved a booking remodel project. This project will be adding more individual cells within the booking area. This project is the first remodel since the jail was opened in 2012. We anticipate breaking ground in 2025.

Regional SWAT Team



The EC Police Department has officially joined the Regional Team. The Regional Team will now respond to the City of Eau Claire.

Wisconsin and the greater Chippewa Valley was a hotbed of Presidential and Vice-Presidential campaign visits. These visits kept area law enforcement very busy.

Campaign Visits



Academy Graduations

There were a number of employee graduations from the Chippewa Valley Technical College - Law Enforcement and Jail Academies.



KIDS N' COPS



Since 1991, Kids 'n Cops has united the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office and other area Law Enforcement Officers with at risk youth between the ages of 4-11. Kids 'n Cops enables officers, family members and friends to share a little holiday cheer while providing a positive interaction with law enforcement that lasts a lifetime.



NOTABLE COUNTYWIDE STATS

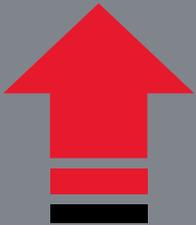
CALLS / ARRESTS / OFFENSES



88,552

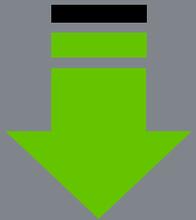
Calls for Service

- Law Enforcement
- Fire
- EMS



These offenses are the **HIGHEST** they've been in the last five years:

- Camping on City Property
- Possession of Cocaine
- Running at Large (Animal)
- Exhibition Driving



These offenses are the **LOWEST** they've been in the last five years:

- Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Marijuana
- Criminal Damage to Property



7,356

Arrests



2,995

Bookings

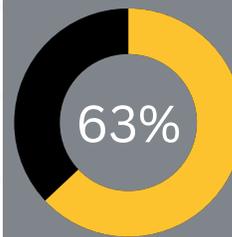


1,904

Unique Individuals



Of all arrested 25% were for people who reside outside of Eau Claire County.



63% of the people arrested this year had multiple arrests during the year.

ECSO PERFORMANCE STATS

Response to Crime and Community Caretaking

Crime & Community Caretaking: The Eau Claire Sheriff's Office provides a complete range of public safety and quality of life services to the county including, but not limited to, the following: criminal investigation and apprehension; mental health evaluations and response, recreational patrol, truck inspection, preventative patrol; emergency response (fire & EMS); disaster response and preparedness; large event security; dispute mediation; building escorts; civil disorder; and other duties as requested by the citizens.

SWAT: The Sheriff's Office Tactical team referred to as SWAT, or Special Weapons and Tactics, is a regional team that is comprised of deputies from various divisions of the Sheriff's Office, Altoona Police Officer, Menomonie Police Department, Bloomer Police Department, Dunn County Sheriff's Office, Chippewa County Sheriff's Office, Chippewa Falls Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol. In addition, there are paramedics from the Chippewa Fire District, crisis negotiators on-call for negotiations. The team responds to high-risk situations where equipped personnel may be needed to safely resolve the incident. These incidents may be high-risk warrants, personal warrants, VIP protection, hostage situations, officer/citizen rescue, barricaded situations, manhunts, or any event where more skilled training is required. The team is comprised of a tactical commander and team leaders that provide skilled training on a monthly basis and develop operational plans for responses.

OUTPUTS		2021	2022	2023	2024	
Crime & Community Activity	Population served	105,988	106,837	108,807	110,871	
	Number of cases handled	7,391	7,466	7,425	7,258	
	Assists other law enforcement agencies cases	708	787	727	765	
	Number of adult arrests	Total	1,386	1,425	1,292	1,274
		Male	72%	74%	72%	76%
		Female	28%	26%	28%	24%
	Percent of adult arrests "ordered in"	67%	62%	60%	58%	
	Juvenile arrests	52	87	71	79	
	Mental health calls	Total	122	101	231	287
		Chapter 51	31	31	56	40
	New warrants entered	1,384	1,121	929	977	
	Warrants canceled	1,372	1,159	919	726	
	Response times to services-Level 1	12:18	14:08	12:27	13:21	
High risk situation (SWAT) responses	11	6	9	6		

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Traffic Control & Enforcement

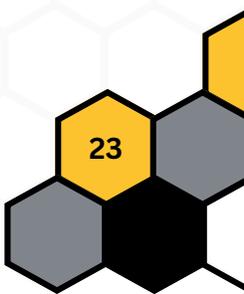
Through active enforcement of traffic laws, Eau Claire Sheriff's deputies attempt to reduce the loss of property and life resulting from dangerous driving behavior. Enforcement also includes arresting suspected impaired drivers and the issuing of citations to individuals violating traffic laws and ordinances. Eau Claire Sheriff's deputies also address other traffic issues, provide for orderly and safe traffic flow, thoroughly investigate traffic crashes, and develop strategies to reduce traffic related deaths, injuries, and property damage.

OUTPUTS	2021	2022	2023	2024
OWI Arrests	117	129	192	105
Traffic crashes	566	553	530	564
Traffic citations	3,323	3,581	2,664	2,672
Traffic warnings	822	901	547	754

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ECSO PERFORMANCE STATS

Investigative Services									
General Investigative: Follow up investigations of reported crimes including collection of evidence, testifying in court, and providing the victim with progress reports on the status of the investigation. Also includes project management for the West Central Drug Task Force, a multi-agency Drug Unit focusing on narcotics investigations.									
West Central Drug Task Force: The West Central Drug Task Force is a cooperative effort made up of multiple law enforcement agencies from six area counties, the intent of which is to identify individuals involved in the manufacture, distribution or sale of illicit drugs as well as the illegal diversion of prescription medication. Criminal activity commonly associated with drug crimes such as illegal possession of firearms, burglary and theft is also addressed. Under a functioning Memorandum of Understanding signed by all agency members of the Task Force, resources such as personnel, equipment, and economic resources can be targeted to particular criminal problems within the Task Force area.									
OUTPUTS					2021	2022	2023	2024	
General Investigative	Investigations assigned to Detectives				324	285	327	273	
	Investigations detectives cleared by arrest				29	43	33	46	
	Cases assigned to Forensic Lab				Total	97	87	124	107
					Cell Phones	150	140	155	155
West Central Drug Task Force	Cases opened for investigation				476	281	346	351	
	Number of search warrants executed by Task Force				40	35	35	37	
	Number of Juvenile Drug Related Charges				0	0	0	0	
	Number of Adult Drug Related Charges				355	227	293	300	
ECSO drug task force personnel will participate in at least 24 drug abuse prevention & education presentations during the year.					5	20	36	26	
					<i>*YTD indicates Jan-June results</i>				



ECSO PERFORMANCE STATS

Statutory Detention of Inmates - *Secure*

Secure Detention: The jail houses inmates arrested on new charges, pre-trial inmates who are awaiting adjudication of charges, sentenced inmates, and individuals on community supervision who have violated the conditions of their probation or parole. Also includes transportation of prisoners and mental subjects to/from the courts and to/from secure institutions.

OUTPUTS		2021	2022	2023	2024	
Secure Detention	Number of Bookings	2,692	2,941	2,926	2,995	
	Length of Stay	0-24 Hours	34%	34%	31%	35%
		1-2 Days	13%	14%	12%	13%
		2-10 Days	25%	24%	26%	25%
		10-20 Days	4%	5%	5%	5%
		20+ Days	23%	24%	25%	22%
	Number of Unique Individuals (UI)	1,818	1,979	1,978	1,904	
	Sex of UI	Male	77%	77%	76%	76%
		Female	23%	23%	24%	24%
	Residence UI	EC County	70%	65%	68%	66%
		Other WI County	25%	29%	26%	26%
		Other States	3%	5%	4%	6%
		Unknown	1%	1%	2%	2%
	Housing Status UI	Fixed Address	88%	88%	89%	88%
		Unhoused	12%	12%	11%	12%
	Average number of Secure jail bed days	54,020	62,050	66,065	65,514	
	Average in house secure inmates	148	170	181	179	
	Average secure daily population	167	190	214	210	
	Average total Eau Claire County Jail population:	186	206	228	220	
	Number of inmates transported	368	523	531	592	
	Number of transports	301	429	378	492	
	Video court appearances (transport diverted)	71	90	77	88	
	Family/Friends Video Visits	Total	4,001	3,150	4,100	2,414
Onsite		1,662	2,461	3,287	1,157	
Offsite		2,339	689	813	1,257	
FP/DNA Room (2nd Floor)	DNA Collections	37	230	374	275	
	Crim. Fingerprints	301	1,245	1,074	975	
	Private Fingerprints	288	534	583	577	

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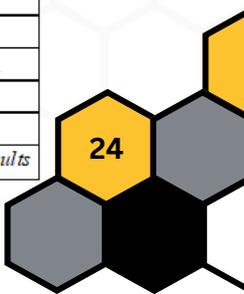
Statutory Detention of Inmates - *Huber*

Huber: The Huber Center houses inmates who have been sentenced for less than one year and participation is authorized by the judge. Huber release is a privilege that has been designed to assist those individuals that are employed to retain their jobs or to assist in childcare or family care, school, and/or treatment while serving a jail sentence.

Electronic Monitoring (EM): The EM program allows inmates who meet specified criteria to be closely monitored at their homes rather than serving their sentence in the Eau Claire County Huber Center. The EM equipment verifies that the individual is present at their residence and also requires them to periodically submit a breath sample to determine if they have been drinking. This equipment is perpetually monitored. The participant pays a daily fee to help cover the cost of the equipment and monitoring. Technology advances will continue to improve the quality and level of monitoring available.

OUTPUTS		2021	2022	2023	2024	
Huber	Average Huber daily population	0	0	0	0	
	Bed days provided based on the Huber ADP	0	0	0	0	
EM	Average EM daily population	Total	16	15	15	11
		Male	13	12	13	9
		Female	3	3	2	2

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ECSO PERFORMANCE STATS

Circuit Court & Courthouse Security

Wisconsin statute 59.27(3) mandates that the sheriff shall: “attend upon the circuit court held in the sheriff’s county during its session”. Program area provides security for the circuit court judges, court commissioner and for courthouse departments. Deputies monitor proceedings by providing security while court is in session, respond to all calls for service and emergencies within the courthouse, transport “in-custody” persons between the jail and courtrooms, assist the Clerk of Courts Office with escorting persons who appear in court to ensure documents are signed when needed, patrol the courthouse when time allows, make arrests for warrants and other criminal offenses within the courthouse and surrounding area, assist the Treasurer’s Office with bank deposits, and other duties as needed.

OUTPUTS		2021	2022	2023	2024
Incidents requiring Deputy intervention in the courthouse		343	470	593	659
Warrants served in courthouse		225	338	294	359
Courthouse (2nd floor) security	# of people	38,450	52,568	61,149	61,561
	# of bags	40,100	54,130	62,402	61,968
	# of knives/blades	779	922	783	791
	# of sprays	152	129	94	98
	# of firearms	2	11	1	2

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Civil Process and Foreclosure Sales

Serving of civil process and conducting foreclosure sales are a statutorily mandated responsibility of the Sheriff’s Office. Deputies in this program also provide back up courts coverage and for inmate transport service.

OUTPUTS		2021	2022	2023	2024
Requested civil process cases		1,180	1,173	1,068	1,273
Number of civil process papers	Total	3,331	4,165	4,205	4,772
	Patrol Served	1,183	747	1,009	595
Sheriff’s foreclosure sales	Scheduled	15	20	20	27
	Held	8	8	12	10
	Cancelled	7	12	8	17

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GRANTS & DONATIONS



Packers Protect & Serve Award

The Green Bay Packers recognized several exemplary Wisconsin law enforcement officers for going above and beyond the call of duty with the Packers Protect & Serve Award.

Our office was recognized as the Department Level awardee because of the work and priority our office has placed on employee mental health.

The recipients received a special award and a grant to benefit their department or a nonprofit. They were treated to a luncheon and an award presentation, as well as speeches from Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy, Packers alumnus Evan Smith, and Eau Claire County Sheriff Dave Riewestahl.



The Spirit Lutheran Foundation (SLF) Community Grant

In 2024, the Sheriff's Office was awarded a generous Community Grant from the Spirit Lutheran Foundation.

This grant funding will allow our office to support the mental health and wellbeing of our employees by funding a mental health counseling visit for all ECSO employees in 2025 from a Licensed Professional Counselor in the Chippewa Valley.

GRANTS & DONATIONS

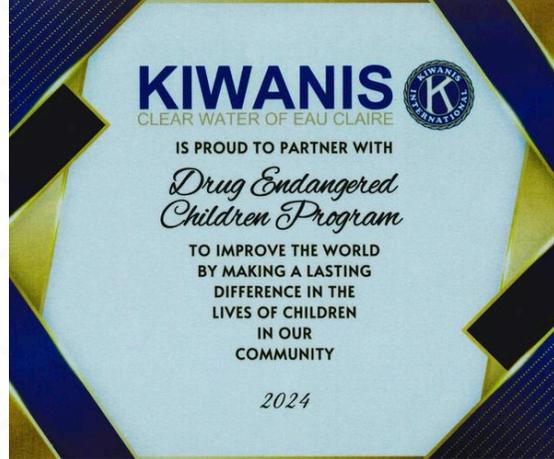


Drug Endangered Children Initiative (DECI)

The Eau Claire County Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Team is committed to providing the most current evidence-based training and resources available to investigate cases involving drug endangered children in our community. Our goal is to ensure children receive the services, resources and medical care they need to ensure their well-being.

Each year ECSO receives donations from local businesses and individuals to fund this program.

- Thank you, Chippewa Valley Energy, for their very generous donation and a special thank you also goes out to Loopy's Saloon, Grill & Event Dome that made the volleyball event such a huge success.
- Thank you, Market & Johnson Employee Impact Fund, for the grant to support this program.
- Thank you, Clear Water Kiwanis-Eau Claire, for the donation to support this program.



GRANTS & DONATIONS



Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies

Continued collaboration between the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Eau Claire County Human Services, Criminal Justice Services, and the Eau Claire City-County Health Departments has led to the receipt of a \$652,250.00 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to fight the ongoing opioid crisis.

This grant allows Eau Claire County to continue our harm reduction efforts, maintain the deflection program, and now partner with community providers to do both induction and continuation of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for those incarcerated in the Eau Claire County Jail.

Eau Claire County recognized the urgent need for innovative strategies to address this crisis and this grant will support three key areas:

- Community drug disposal systems
 - Drug deactivation units for community distribution by EC City-County Health Department
- Pre-arrest or pre-arraignment deflection program
 - The Eau Claire County Deflection and Diversion and Program is designed to deliver two primary services to those referred by law enforcement or the court system:
 - Comprehensive substance use case management.
 - Peer support outreach. DDP is designed to assist county and city law enforcement departments to make a "warm handoff" deflection and/or diversion decision to link with appropriate services to prevent persons with OUD, other SUD and MH conditions from unnecessary arrest, criminal justice system involvement and/or incarceration.
- Treatment for people incarcerated with opioid use disorder
 - The Eau Claire County Jail will now offer MAT Induction and Continuation.

In the last two years our office has been awarded \$1,002,250.00 dollars.

- 23-24 Funding Year: \$350,000.00
- 24-25 Funding Year: \$652,250.00

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

New Employees

January

- Bennett, Gregory - Correctional Officer
- Ring, Justine - Correctional Officer

February

- McCaffrey, Tyler - Correctional Officer
- Jerdee, Alexandra - Correctional Officer
- Witte, Devin - Correctional Officer

March

- Buhl, Lynn - Correctional Officer

April

- Dauffenbach, Ryan - Correctional Officer
- Rhein, Dakota - Correctional Officer
- Ruzicka, Aimee - Correctional Officer

May

- Comeau, Taylor - Patrol Deputy
- Gonzales, Rogelio - Patrol Deputy

June

- Collins, Tyler - Patrol Deputy
- Johnson, Grace - Correctional Officer
- Kaczmarek, Michael - Correctional Officer

August

- Harris, Matthew - Correctional Officer

October

- Ludwiczak, Alex - Correctional Officer
- Evers, Chloe - Correctional Officer

December

- Holloway, Charles - Correctional Officer



Jon Pendergast
Admin Sergeant
1/15/24



Josh Schroeder
Jail Sergeant
2/25/24



Spencer Lewis
Admin Sergeant
1/15/24



Craig Berg
Jail Sergeant
11/17/24

Corporal Promotions (4/7/24)



Craig
Berg



Richard
Pollard



Ryan
Addis



John
Konz



Travis
McCann



Stephen
Heili



Jamie
Rivas



Jay
Kamke



Edward
Russell



Lily
Russell



Jacqueline
Olson



Lynn
Buhl

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

YEARS OF SERVICE



Steven Goss
Detective
 (2/4/2019)



Stephen Heili
Corporal
 (2/18/2019)



Trey Olson
Patrol Deputy
 (8/5/2019)



Mary Beth Hamm
Admin. Jail Coordinator
 (12/4/2019)



Brandon Ring
Patrol Sergeant
 (2/3/2014)



Aaron Ranallo
WCDF Supervisor
 (3/1/2009)



Ryan Greener
Detective
 (3/2/2009)



Brian Behrendt
Process Server
 (10/4/2004)



Regina Larson
Correctional Officer
 (10/18/2004)



Lori Johnson
Admin. Fiscal & Personnel Coordinator
 (4/17/1989)



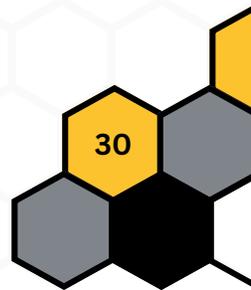
Benjamin Lauer
Correctional Officer
 (4/1/1999)



Kevin Otto
Jail Sergeant
 (7/6/1999)



Theresa Lorenz
Correctional Officer
 (8/2/1999)



AWARDS



The Medal of Honor is the Sheriff's Office highest award that is awarded to an employee for an act of bravery, and the award can be given to the family, in the event the act of valor is the result of a line of duty death. This award is issued through a specific act of gallantry that is beyond the call of duty. The award must be presented by the Sheriff in a ceremony with an invitation given to the family.



The Medal of Valor is awarded to a member of the Sheriff's Office who displays an exceptional act of heroism or risk of personal safety or life. The Medal of Valor is awarded to those employees who distinguish themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of Police service. To be awarded the Medal of Valor, an employee would have performed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril.



The Purple Heart is awarded to those who suffered injuries caused by another and was wounded or lost his/her life. The extent of injury, type of activity performed, and all circumstances surrounding the incident must be considered while determining the appropriateness of this award.



The Lifesaving Award recognizes an employee who performs a lifesaving effort resulting in maintaining or saving a life at the scene.



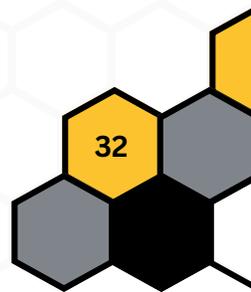
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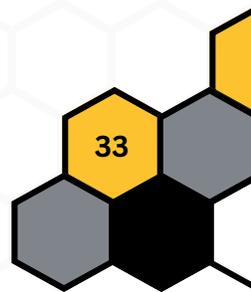


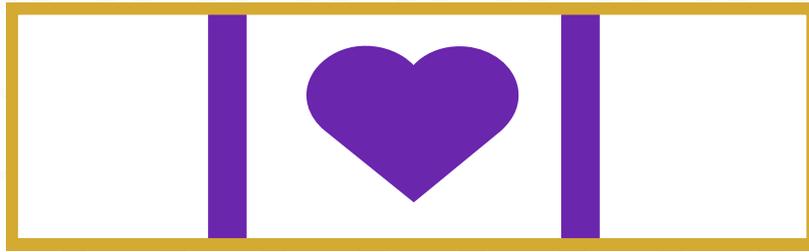


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Incident Date	Case Number	Recipient(s)
1/13/14	14-222	Deputy Dustin Walters
4/3/16	16-2049	Deputy Dustin Walters
2/8/18	18SO00931	Correctional Officer Jason Higley
8/7/18	18SO05345	Deputy Jim Haworth Deputy Dan Eaton
3/2/19	DCI2019-1434	Deputy Dan Eaton
8/1/19	19SO05020	Deputy Adam Prorok
11/22/20	20SO06327	Deputy Jacob Taylor Deputy Brandon Ring

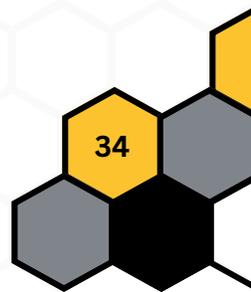


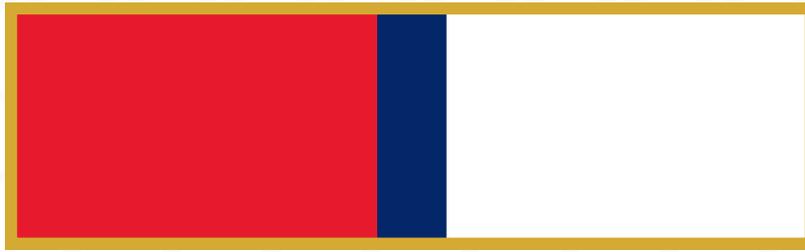


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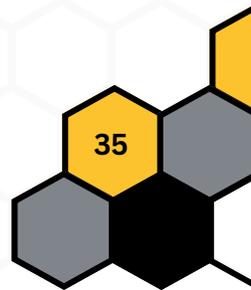




LIFESAVING

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Incident Date	Case Number	Recipient(s)
5/7/15	15-2698	Deputy Brandon Ring Deputy Tony Hovland
11/18/15	15-7586	Deputy Dave Riewestahl
9/29/17	17SO06237	Detective Brian Trowbridge
3/17/18	Off Duty	Correctional Officer Kevin Kochanski
8/23/18	18SO05483	Deputy Riley Schulner
3/16/19	19SO01605	Deputy Kyle Jacobson Deputy Riley Schulner
4/4/19	19JI-056	Correctional Officer David Manthei Correctional Officer Cory Bergevin Correctional Officer Gina Schulner
9/10/19	19SO05947	Deputy Kyle Jacobson Deputy Riley Schulner Deputy Shawn Corbin
2/13/20	20SO08553	Lieutenant Cory Schalinske
6/12/20	20SO03090	Detective Tony Hovland
8/4/20	20SO04134	Deputy Dan Eaton
7/15/21	21SO03871	Deputy John Gunderson Detective Don Henning
6/30/22	22SO02463	Captain Cory Schalinske
2/28/23	23JI-035	Correctional Officer Jacqueline Olson
3/21/23	23SO01440	Deputy Joseph Wollum
4/23/23	23JI-072	Correctional Officer Aaron Rosenblum Correctional Officer Theresa Lorenz Sergeant Colleen Kastel
4/24/23	23JI-073	Correctional Officer Regina Larson Correctional Officer Jorge Huerta Correctional Officer John Konz
5/11/23	23SO02549	Deputy Nathan Spehle





MEDAL OF MERIT

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Incident Date	Case Number	Recipient(s)
10/30/16	Glaze LODD	Detective Sergeant Mike Mayer Detective Don Henning Detective Jeff Nocchi Detective Brian Trowbridge
1/13/13-9/30/17	PR Outreach	Deputy Gail Gregory
9/29/17	17SO06237	Lieutenant Cory Schalinske Sergeant Dustin Walters Deputy Chad Strasburg Deputy Mark Bull
2/8/18	18SO00931	Correctional Officer Shane Jensen
8/1/19	19SO05020	Deputy Joel Kaeding
2020-2021	Program/PR Events	Deputy Melissa Sommers
5/28/22	22SO02730	Deputy Sam Eaton
6/27/23	DHS Investigation	Detective Ryan Greener Special Deputy Mike Voelker

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES RETIREMENTS

4/15/24



6 Yrs

**Nola
K9**

Nola had been working alongside her human counterparts to keep Eau Claire County safe.

In her career she had located almost \$200,000 in drugs making the initial investment (\$6,000) in her and ongoing training well worth the cost.

12/14/24



32 Yrs

**Colleen Kastel
Jail Sergeant**

Colleen retired after 32 years of service to the people of Eau Claire County.

In our office, Colleen started her career as a Correctional Officer and in 2016 she was promoted to Sergeant, where she served for over 8 years.



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