

2017 Annual Report

CRAWFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dale McCullick, Sheriff
Orrin Olson, Chief Deputy

With courage, honor, and integrity we protect the rights and dignity of all citizens. In partnership with our communities, we strive to preserve the peace and provide for a safe environment for all.

Courage

With steadfastness and purpose of mind, we accept the responsibility of overcoming adversity to remain effective, efficient, and responsive to the needs of our communities.

Honor

With distinction and pride, we protect the rights of all citizens equally.

Integrity

We are responsible for our conduct, both professionally and personally. We are honest, fair, and strong of character. We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of ethical conduct and endeavor to be role models for others.



Jail

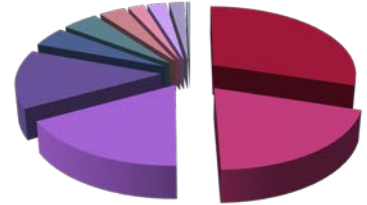
Emergency Mental Health Services

Northwest Connections is a collaborative effort between emergency on-call mental health workers, law enforcement personnel, county personnel and community providers to coordinate an immediate response to assist a person experiencing a mental health crisis.

Northwest Connections makes the decision if an individual should be transported to a mental health facility. With the change in the system from Human Services to Northwest Connections making the decision, fewer transports are being done. Revenue generated from transports is \$10,230.

Top Jail Admissions in 2017

- Probation/Warrants: 188
- OMVI: 125
- Drug Related: 109
- Disorderly Conduct: 86
- Bail Jumping: 29
- Contempt: 29
- Theft/Burglary: 21
- Battery: 13
- Operating w/out License/Suspension: 15
- Resisting/Obstructing Officer/Justice: 12
- Worthless Checks: 3



688 Total Prisoners Booked in 2017

Adult Males: 511
Adult Females: 147

17 year old Males: 8
17 year old Females: 2

Huber Law Account	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Huber Fees	\$20,545	\$23,200	\$31,848	\$54,092	\$54,545
Prescriptions	\$1,270	\$677	\$801	\$247	\$1,200
Inmate Supplies	\$2,106	\$2,374	\$2,016	\$3,348	\$3,975

Jail Revenue

Probation and Parole can place a Hold on an inmate or the inmate is housed under Extended Supervision which gives them a last chance before they are sent back to prison. The county receives \$51.46 per day per inmate on these holds. In 2017, Extended Supervision Sanctions generated \$35,559 in revenue.

Fingerprinting

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

Inmate Meals

Aramark continues to furnish the meals for the inmates. A sack lunch is provided to inmates while their breakfast and evening meal are hot. A contracted driver, Mike Atkinson, drives to and from Viroqua to deliver meals to our jail. The cost of each meal is \$1.56. In 2017, \$65,562 was spent for 42,027 meals.

Traffic

Citations Issued

A total of **817** citations were issued during 2017.

Summary of Citations Issued

Speeding	164	Drivers License/Registration Related	140
Alcohol Related	138	Drug Related	81
Driving w/out Insurance	70	Traffic Violation	68
Driving w/out Proof of Insurance	31	Disorderly Conduct	30
Thefts	22	Seat Belt Violation	18
Inattentive Driving	13	Trespassing	10
Resisting/Obstructing Officer	9	Failure to Notify Police	7
Animal Related	6	IID Tampering	4
Worthless Checks	3	Truancy	3

Calls for Service

In 2017, the CRSO received 8013 calls into Dispatch. Of those calls, a total of 2,655 cases were created for Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Traffic Crashes

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office had 448 calls for traffic crashes, slide offs hit and runs and car vs deer accidents. There was one fatality in 2017, which resulted from high water undercutting, eroding and washing out the Lansing bridge.

Special Operations *Division*

Tri-River Special Operations Team

by Lt. Jaden McCullick

In 2017, the Tri-River Special Operations Team continued its mission and remained ready for response. Our monthly trainings have proven successful as our team continues to grow stronger and better equipped to handle a number of different situations through swift, effective response to emergency situations throughout Crawford and neighboring counties if needed.

Criminal Investigations *Division*

Narcotics

by Lt. Jaden McCullick

In 2017, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office conducted many narcotic related investigations involving various different types of illegal narcotic use and distribution, including Methamphetamine, Heroin, Cocaine, Marijuana, and prescription medication abuse. As a result of these investigations, arrests were made and/or citation were issued. Deputy Joe Breaser & his K-9 partner "Breck" have developed greatly as a team and have proven themselves to be an invaluable asset to our continued battle against the illegal use and distribution of narcotics throughout our county. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office continues to fight the war on illegal narcotics within our county and strives to keep our communities safe.

Death Investigations

by Lt. Wade Hutchison

County Investigators are routinely required to respond to & perform death investigations. The investigation involves the process of determining the identification, and determining the cause and manner of death of the victim. There were a total of 15 death investigations in 2017.

Property Crimes

by Lt. Wade Hutchison

A large amount of a County Investigator's time is focused on investigating a wide range of property crimes including; burglary, larceny, theft, motor vehicle theft, identity theft, shoplifting and arson. The main objective of the investigator is to determine the identity of the offender & as a result of a thorough investigation, provide a solid case to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Sensitive Crimes

by Lt. Ryan Fradette

The Sensitive Crime Unit investigates sexual assaults, physical & sexual child abuse, internet crimes against children and elderly abuse. The circumstances of these investigations are particularly difficult on the victims, the victim's families & friends, and the investigators.

Break down of 2017 deployments:

(72) Vehicle narcotic detection sniffs

(11) School related narcotic detection sniffs- Schools included Darlington, Guttenberg, Waukon, Prairie du Chien High School, North Crawford, Wauzeka and River Ridge.

(1) Residence narcotic detection sniffs

(5) Demonstrations for the public or private organizations. During these demonstrations K-9 Breck is presented, I speak about the ability, usage and benefits of a K-9 unit in our community. Some 2017 demonstrations included the Pet Expo, Government Days, PALS Seneca, PALS Prairie du Chien, and Youth Group in Eastman

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

- (6.4) Ounces or (181.4) Grams of Marijuana
- (1.8) Ounces or (51.9) grams of Methamphetamine
- (2) Schedule II narcotics
- (3) Schedule 4 narcotics.

Additional seizures, most without Breck;

- (1) Traffic stop with K-9 alert lead to CI, which lead to search warrant of residence. approx. (4) ounces of marijuana seized.
- (1) Traffic Stop lead to search of residence. (3.5) grams of marijuana seized.
- (1)Foot contact lead to seizure of (2.7) grams of meth
- (1) Located subject on foot, search lead to seizure of (2) grams of meth and drug para
- (1) CI set up a buy, made contact and seized (1.8) grams of meth
- (1) Probation search led to seizure of (6) grams of meth
- (1) Vehicle pursuit lead to seizure of 9.4 grams of meth
- (1) Traffic stop lead to seizure of (3.5) grams of marijuana, schedule II narcotics and Schedule 4 narcotics.
- Additional (4.25) Ounces or (119) Grams of marijuana seized and (21.) grams of methamphetamine seized by the K-9 Unit.

K-9 Breck has attributed to the following charges:

- Possession with intent to deliver marijuana (2)
- Possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine (7)
- Possession of methamphetamine (8)
- Possession of marijuana (31)
- Possession of marijuana paraphernalia (30)
- Possession of scheduled II narcotics (4)
- Possession of scheduled 4 narcotics (3)
- OWI-with restricted controlled substance (17)
- OWI-Alcohol (15)



Law Enforcement

Grants & Donations

In 2017, Jim Hackett, Emergency Management Director, was able to obtain several LE Grants.

Safe Ride Program

The CRSO was awarded a Safe Ride Program grant in the amount of \$3,750 which provided buses during Country on the River in August.

IID Grant

An Ignition Interlock Device(IID) grant from the State of WI DOT for \$62,500 was granted to the CRSO and was used towards Deputy overtime.

3M Grant

A donation of protective eye equipment was donated from 3M for our active shooter training.

BNSF Grant

A BNSF grant was obtained in 2017 in the amount of \$12,500. The money from the BNSF grant was put towards the purchase of helmets and communication for the Tri-River Special Operations Team.

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

Village *Patrol* & School Resource *Officer*

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

Approximately \$4,200 of the \$4,500 total budget was used in 2017 for law enforcement patrol. The Village of Wauzeka had 163 & 902 calls for service to the Sheriff's Office. Some of these numbers are as followed; 15 animal complaints, 12 disorderly conduct, 7 harassment, 6 motorist assists, 40 suspicious activity, 30 welfare checks, 34 assist citizens, 9 911 hang ups, 8 vehicle accidents, 23 traffic complaints, 23 municipal violations and 130 Traffic Stops.

Deputy Mullikin has also worked with the Wisconsin DOT in an attempt to extend the 30 mph zone on each end of town to reduce speeding issues in the Village. The DOT was requested to conduct a speed study. The speed study was then halted once the DOT stated that the speeds could be increased in the area if the average speed of most vehicles showed to be greater than the posted limit.

In 2018 we will be attempting to obtain a Grant for our own Speed Boards for each end of town. The boards will register speed and display custom messages for events or ongoing work in the area. These boards will also be available for the village to use for community events, road work or anything that could help with making motorists more aware and safer. This process was started in 2017 and we hope to have completion in 2018.

Deputy Mullikin works three hours a week in the Village. Deputy Mullikin also works 2 hours a week at the Wauzeka-Steuben School. Deputy Mullikin handled 5 of the 10 cases that were created from incidents at the Wauzeka-Steuben School. (Not every call for service becomes a case.) The range of issues generally includes fighting, truancy, alcohol use, and disorderly conduct. Most contacts at the school are positive, and can include class room learning, general questions about law enforcement and some students request ride-alongs.

Animal Control *Officer*

The Animal Control section of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office acquired a vehicle this year. A 2006 Jeep Liberty has been equipped with tie downs for safe transport of collared dogs. The vehicle is also stocked with leashes, collars, traps, crates and blankets as well as a net.

Animal Control continues to microchip dogs at events such as the True Value Pet Expo, the Seneca Boy Scouts and the Prairie du Chien FFA chapter events. A stock of microchips is kept in the Animal Control vehicle. This year two dogs were returned to their owners through the information contained in the chips. Those strays had lost their rabies and dog license tags, but we were able to obtain the owner information through the identification number stored in the microchip using a universal scanner. All proceeds from microchip sales are used to support the county's "Spay, neuter - Don't Litter!" campaign with sliding scale assistance for altering services.

In 2017 Crawford County Animal Control hosted eight lowered-cost spay/neuter clinics. This year 23 cats and one dog were altered, helping to control the pet population. Participation is limited to county residents and is approved on a case by case basis, with preference given to those who are willing to take in unclaimed stray animals.

Many dogs were returned to their owners through the use of social media at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office Facebook page. Over a dozen dogs not current with the state rabies vaccination requirement were updated through mandatory pre-payment of a rabies vaccination voucher redeemable at Southwest Veterinary Services.

Unclaimed animals were placed in licensed shelters. The Coulee Region Humane Society in Onalaska accepted 19 dogs and 3 cats in 2017. With the opening of the Rivers and Bluffs Animal Shelter in Prairie du Chien several unclaimed kittens were placed more locally. Animal Control also coordinated with the Crawford Area Shelter for Animals for the voluntary surrender of pets the owners were unable to properly care for. With a generous donation of chain link fencing panels from the Crawford Area Shelter for Animals, an exercise yard was installed for dogs to use during their seven day hold with Animal Control.

Animal Control continued to enforce rabies vaccination and licensing requirements, as well as ordinances related to animals running at large. In addition, investigations into potential mistreatment of animals related to neglect resulted in owner education in the proper care of animals from dogs and cats, to horses and hogs. In some cases abatement orders were issued requiring owners to follow specific instructions. These orders remain in effect for three years and are regularly monitored for compliance.

Youth involvement was a part of Animal Control this year. Students from Seneca and Prairie du Chien high schools took the initiative to become involved with projects from a "Pet of the Month" column for the Courier Press featuring shelter pets available for adoption to performing service time at Animal Control facilities. This valuable time not only is of benefit to the animal population in our county. These service projects allow students to explore possible careers related to animal welfare.

Submitted by: Christine Reynolds

Emergency

Management

ERP

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

LEPC & EPCRA*

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met quarterly & discussed issues in the county that had to do with emergency planning. The meetings were posted publicly & are open to the public. The off-Site plans of Cabela's and Walmart were updated with correct information. This brings the plans up to EPCRA compliance. The LEPC approved off-site updated plans for Century Link, 3M, Cabelas and Walmart.

TRAININGS & MEETINGS*

Crawford County Director, James Hackett attended numerous trainings in 2017. A few of the training included: IS-800.b National response Framework, an Introduction, IS-029 Public information officer Awareness, IS-703.A NIMS resource Management, IS-775 EOC Management and operations, is-546.A Continuity of Operations (COOOP) Awareness course. He attended all required regional meetings and reports to both LEPC and Public Safety Meetings. He also made all Highway Safety Meetings, County Fire Associations meetings, EMS Association Meetings.

STORMS *

Crawford County was hit by a series of storms on 05/17/17 and 07/19/17. Both of these storms resulted in damage assessments and completing a full UDSR form that was submitted to Wisconsin Emergency Management. The storm on 07/19/17 resulted in FEMA being requested and a damage assessment meeting was performed. Binders were made to speed up the process for the assessment. The assessment left FEMA not needing to see any sights around the county and came in at the estimated value reported.

TABLETOP EXERCISES & TRAININGS*

Crawford County put on a full scale exercise In June 2017 that involved an EPCRA and EMPG requirement. The full scale was an active shooter at the Sheriff's Department with a car fire and fuel spill. This involved EMS, LAW, Fire, & the Hospital. The EPCRA side had to do with a fuel spill (Gasoline). A functional exercise that included all 1st responders, fire, ems, police, and local businesses was also ran in November 2017. This exercise was titled "When it Rains it Pours". It tested the ability to respond to a tornado incident in the city of Prairie du Chien with multiple disasters & casualties. This also had a EPCRA component which included chemical spills.

OUTREACH*

Crawford County Emergency Management had the Crawford County Sheriff's Office & the Crawford County Administration building participate in state wide tornado drills. Sirens were sounded as if a real tornado warning was issued. It was organized that all schools in Crawford County participated in this drill at the same time on 04/20/17 at 1:00 PM.

Jim participated in a radio interview with Q 94 about EPCRA, what it is and LEPC. He also made printed media available to anyone who would like to come in and pick up information on either EPCRA or LEPC. Handouts were available for spraying chemicals in Crawford County. There was also a winter weather awareness interview for upcoming storms. This interview also touched on thunderstorms & tornados.

GRANTS*

Jim was able to obtain \$10,000 grant for communications helmets for the Crawford County Tactical Team. He obtained \$10,000 for IID grant from WI DOT. The IID grant was extended into 2018 with a \$50,000 extension. The total dollar amount of grants brought in through Crawford County Emergency Management in 2017 was \$175,333.71. This includes Hazmat, Emergency Management, and Crawford County Sheriff's Office grants.

HAZARDOUS SPILLS

Emergency Management Office responded to 7 Hazardous Spills which included train derailments, anhydrous leak, and vehicle crashes.

Submitted by: Jim Hackett

Administration *Support*

Judgments

Writ of Attachment, Eviction, Restitution or Replevin and Executions Against Property are court ordered judgments. The Sheriff's Office is required by Statute to enforce the Order imposed by the Judge.

There were a total of 23 Executions in 2017:

- Executions Against Property=10
- Writ of Assistance=1
- Writ of Eviction=8
- Writ of Replevin=4

Satisfied Executions were 20

Unsatisfied Executions were 2

Partially Satisfied Execution was 1

Sheriff Sales

Sheriff sales are conducted at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday (excluding County recognized holidays) on the West Steps of the Crawford County. All sales can be viewed on the Sheriff's Office website. Posting and selling the property brought the county a revenue of \$1,350.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Judgments	\$3,655	\$3,580	\$3,291	\$2,060	\$2,430
Paper Service	\$20,680	\$19,765	\$20,820	\$17,566	\$13,231

Facebook

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



Crawford County Sheriff's Office Website

We received a total of 71,584 visitors to our website in 2017. That is an increase of 68% over 2016.

Most users are finding us through Google search or through our Facebook page. On an average almost 200 people visit our site daily and almost 6000 monthly.

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

Lexipol

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

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



Meet the *Staff* of 2017

Administration & Support

Wade Hutchison, Lieutenant – 10 yrs.
Ryan Fradette, Lieutenant – 13 yrs.

Jaden McCullick, Lieutenant – 9 yrs.
Russell Wittrig, Lieutenant – 16 yrs.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts, Administrative Assistant – 37 yrs.
Corrie Lawrence Valley, Administrative Clerk – 5 yrs.

Jailers

Sgt. Alisha Merwin–18 yrs.
Scott Hurda-17 yrs.
Nate Bremmer-9 yrs.
Alexandria Kress-2 yrs.
Jessica LaMere–13 yrs.
Kelly Cornell–10 yrs.
Emily Pedley Fecht-2 yrs.
Dwight Kussmaul-2 yrs.

Dispatchers

Lisa Beesecker-16 yrs.
Sandy Dickens-3 yrs.
Angie Martin
Karl Sander-5 yrs.
Marc Myhre-3 yrs.
Melissa Smith

Traffic Officers

Sgt. Steve Wagner –27 yrs.
Doug Olson -21 yrs.
Justin Fortney -18 yrs.
Shawn Lenzendorf -5 yrs.
Sgt Phil Baumgartner-12 yrs.
Joe Breaser -5 yrs.
Cody Mullikin -6 yrs.
Kyle Mezera -4 yrs.

Bailiffs

Lauren Knutson
James Rider
Lt. Russell Wittrig

Part Time Jailers, Dispatchers & Traffic Officers

Tyler Barr
Jerry Barrette
Tony Berg
Nathan Birdsill
Tabatha Bohland
Erika Clark
Casey Cox
Max Erickson
Steven Finney
Ashley Gander
Nicole Ginter

Tara Henry
Taylor Henry
Julie Jackson
Robert Kachel
Art Knutson
Lauren Knutson
Josh Lund
Danielle Merry-Love
Brandon Mickelson
Jose Miranda
Christa Morris

Rhonda Nagel
Gunner Pitzer
Marcus Ploessel
Michelle Routt
Tabitha Steiber
Cody Trumm
Brianna Wagner
Chelsey Wagner
Kurt Wallin
Jordan Walker
Ryan Zinkle

Emergency Management

Jim Hackett, Director -2 yrs.

Animal Control Officer

Christine (Crisse) Reynolds-3 yrs.
Brian Reynolds
Christopher Reynolds

Sheriff Dale McCullick Reports:

On Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at approximately 4:22 a.m., the Crawford County Sheriff's Office Received an emergency call regarding a traffic accident that occurred on STH 82 approximately one-half mile west of STH 35 in the Township of Freeman.

James Walleser (Age 59) of Lansing, IA., was operating a 2000 Jeep eastbound on STH 82. He entered onto a bridge span coming from Lansing Iowa side on his way to work.

As Walleser exited the bridge span his vehicle entered an area of the roadway that had washed out causing his vehicle to fall into the river. Walleser's vehicle was completely submerged. The highway surface appeared to have been under-cut due to the high water; ultimately, causing the highway surface to erode and fall into the river. There was a witness who was a quarter mile behind Walleser who contacted the Sheriff's Department.

Emergency responders arrived on scene, immediately closed the highway, and started working on extracting Walleser's vehicle from the river. Milo's Towing Service with the assistance of the La Crosse County Dive Team were able to extract Walleser's vehicle from the river.

Walleser was located in the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene. The vehicle had extensive front end damage. An autopsy will be performed today in Madison.

The Crawford County Highway Department began the process of repairing the roadway shortly after the vehicle was removed from the scene. STH 82 will remain closed between STH 35 and Lansing until further notice.

The following agencies were assisting at the scene; De Soto Fire / First Responders, Ferryville Fire / First Responders, Lansing Fire / First Responders, Lansing Police Department, Allamakee County Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin Department of Nature Resources, US Fish & Wildlife, La Crosse County Dive Team, Milo's Towing Service, Crawford County Highway Department, Iowa State Patrol, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The Grant County Dive Team was held on standby incase needed.

