

Crawford County Sheriff's Office

2020

Annual Report



Dale McCullick, Sheriff

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.

Orrin Olson, Chief Deputy



Traffic Updates

Traffic and the COVID-19 Pandemic

By the direction of the Sheriff and the CDC's recommendations to reduce the risk of transmission and exposure to COVID-19, the traffic department conducted less traffic stops and handled non-emergent complaints over the phone rather than in person.

In an agreement with the District Attorney's Office, the court system and Crawford County jail, deputies were instructed to give more signature bonds on scene rather than take offenders into physical custody.

Emergency Management provided the deputies with various types of PPE in the forms of hand sanitizer, N-95, surgical and cloth masks. Deputies were also able to utilize the UV disinfectant light box to sanitize masks and various equipment. When a deputy transported someone who was either COVID-19 positive or suspected to be positive, the Skytron UVC light robot was used to disinfect their squad cars and equipment.

Due to the modifications taken to reduce the exposure of COVID-19, none of the Crawford County traffic deputies contracted COVID-19 in 2020.



Sergeant Phil Baumgartner

iCrimeFighter

iCrimeFighter is a mobile evidence management solution bringing mobility to our department. iCrimeFighter's mission is to make evidence collection and investigative collaboration easier and more efficient. Deputies are able to collect photos & interviews through an app on their phones. Files are uploaded and stored with 256-bit encryption in FIPS compliant AWS GovCloud storage. The ability to securely share cases with Human Services and other area departments with iCrimeFighter was added in 2020.

NIBRS

The FBI required all State and County Law Enforcement Agencies to update the way monthly crime statistics were being reported by January of 2021. Throughout 2020, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office transitioned from using the Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCR) to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by attending required training virtually. The Sheriff's Office also held 2 in person trainings, taught by Deputy Elizabeth Volten, for deputies and dispatchers. NIBRS requires law enforcement to enter incidents by using a designated set of offense codes that agencies are now using nationally. By using a universal system, the FBI receives accurate statistics regardless of what each individual department is using as Statute for a certain crime.

NIBRS gives our office, in addition to the FBI, a more detailed picture of the types of crimes being committed in our area and how often they occur. These statistics help our department become eligible for grants and programs such as the Cops Anti-Methamphetamine Program and the COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program.

Citations Issued

A total of 770 citations and 244 warnings were issued during 2020. Of the 770 citations, 203 were non-traffic related and 567 traffic citation.

Calls for Service

The Crawford County Communications Center received 16,600 calls into the dispatch center in 2020. Of those, a total of 1,773 cases were created for Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Traffic Crashes

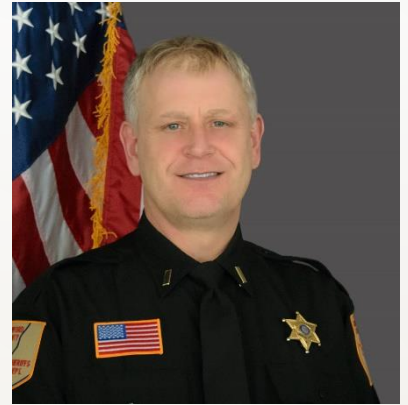
The Crawford County Sheriff's Office received calls for traffic crashes, hit & runs, car vs deer and slide offs. Cases are no longer being created for minor car vs deer crashes where no deputy is being dispatched. 186 crashes were reportable to the Department of Transportation with three fatalities in 2020 due to traffic accidents.

Investigations

Narcotics

In 2020, 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(s) were issued. Deputy Joe Breeser and 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.



Lt. Wade Hutchison

Death Investigations

County Investigators are routinely required to respond to and perform death investigations. The investigation involves the process of determining the identification, cause, and the manner of death of the victim. There were a total of 15 death investigations in 2020.



Lt. Ryan Fradette

Property Crimes

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 and, as a result of a thorough investigation, provide a solid case to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Sensitive Crimes

The Sensitive Crimes 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.

Crawford County K-9 Unit

In 2020, K9 Breck and Deputy Breeser logged 190 training hours.

K9 Breck was used in the following:

- (53) Vehicle narcotic detection sniffs.
- Participated in controlled purchase of 16 grams of methamphetamine. Led to a search warrant and seizure of an additional 25 grams of methamphetamine, 42 grams of marijuana, 5 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, 3 MDMA pills, and Schedule II narcotics.
- Located stolen license plates from Richland County due to a traffic stop.
- Assisted WI State Patrol, Boscobel Police Department and Prairie du Chien Police Department with vehicle sniffs.
- Assisted with K-9 sniffs at Boscobel Correctional facility and the Crawford County Jail.
- Conducted a traffic stop and drug seizure. Led to charges in federal court for bail jumping.

K9 Unit directly or attributed to the seizure of:

- (4.29) ounces or (122.5) grams of Methamphetamine.
 - (1.75) ounces or (50) grams of Marijuana.
 - (3) grams of Psilocybin Mushrooms.
 - (1) square of LSD
- K9 unit has directly seized (1.2) pounds of methamphetamine

K-9 Unit attributed to the following charges:

- Possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine: (7)
- Possession of methamphetamine: (15)
- Possession of marijuana: (13)
- Possession with intent to deliver THC: (1)
- Possession of scheduled II narcotics: (2)
- Possession of psilocin mushrooms: (1)
- Possession of LSD: (1)
- OWI-with Restricted Controlled Substance: (24)
- OWI-with Restricted Controlled Substance with Juvenile as a Passenger: (2)
- OWI-Restricted Controlled Substance Cause Injury: (1)
- Alcohol OWI's: (3)

(2) Subjects are pending federal sentencing, stemming from a case in 2019.

(1) Subject sentenced in federal court to 6.5 years for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine stemming in 2020 from another case in 2019.



Drug Recognition Expert

Deputy Joseph Breeser became certified as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) in 2020. He attended school in Milwaukee County. The course consisted of schooling, multiple knowledge exams, and live evaluations of drug impaired persons.

He conducted over 30 enforcement drug impaired driving evaluations in six months time.

Deputy Breeser finished as Valedictorian of his class and was awarded Top Ten DRE of the State of Wisconsin and DRE Outstanding Performance for 2020.

Animal Control Officer

Submitted by: State of Wisconsin Humane Officer Crisse Reynolds

Animal Control continues to respond to a wide variety of issues related to the welfare of domestic animals in Crawford County. Most commonly a request for service is regarding a lost or found dog or cat. This year, several animals were quickly reunited with their owners through micro-chips. The Animal Control Officer has a scanning wand that can read the multi-digit number imbedded in the RFDI chips of all brands implanted in dogs and cats. This number is linked to a nationwide database of owner information. Dogs were returned to owners not only locally, but to other counties and even states.

Social media is used to reunite pets and find shelter for unclaimed animals. Shelters located within in the county remain a vital resource in finding new homes for stray animals. The Rivers and Bluff Animal Shelter in Prairie du Chien, the Crawford Shelter for Animals in Ferryville, and Ridgetop Rescue in Wauzeka have been reliable partners for Animal Control. Without them many unclaimed animals would have nowhere to go.

Animal Control also works with neighbor disputes regarding dogs running at large, roaming cattle, and nuisance animals such as feral cats or noisy dogs. Counseling to the parties is provided to resolve disputes and, in some cases, citations are issued.

Rabies vaccination enforcement for dogs has become a priority for Animal Control. Prompted by requests from municipalities to update county licensing records and knowing the importance of vaccinating dogs against rabies to keep the human population safe. Animal Control is actively reviewing licensing records and contacting owners who have not renewed or updated their dog's vaccination status.

Welfare of animals is addressed, and several animals were rehomed to improved conditions. Previous owners are educated, and in some cases charged, for their mistreatment of animals. Again, our local shelters and Animal Control's statewide networking resources allow us the means to provide for animals in need. Shelters also work with the needs of our county by offering assistance with spay and neuter services.

Village of Wauzeka Patrol

With a total budget of \$4500 for the year, approximately \$3,535 was used for law enforcement patrol.

Out of the 600 calls for service to Wauzeka 168 cases were created in 2020.

Some of these numbers are as followed:

- 911 hang up or calls (55)
- Traffic accidents (25)
- Animal complaints (31)
- Assist citizen (34)
- Suspicious activities (26)
- Disorderly conducts (16)
- Civil matters (13)
- Welfare checks (19)
- Traffic stops (60)



Deputy Cody Mullikin

	2018	2019	2020
Cases	152	154	168
Calls for Service	776	709	600

In 2020, the Village approved the request to purchase two speed boards. Deputy Mullikin worked with All Traffic Solutions to get the cost of these well below standard price. Each board can display speed, while one can also show messages. This will help improve speed enforcement and traffic safety through the village during times of construction, events, or high traffic. Moving forward, the village officials have implemented boat launch passes will be required in 2021. Deputy Mullikin is working with DOT and school officials to install flashing crosswalk signs in front of the school on Main Street.

Schools & Children

School Resource Officer

By alternating between the three schools, Wauzeka-Steuben, Seneca, and North Crawford, Deputy Liz Volten has continued her role as mentor, confidant, & disciplinarian to students in Crawford County.

In March of 2020, per Wisconsin's Safer at Home Emergency Order, all public and private K-12 schools were to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. All schools were to halt in person schooling and move to distance learning, also known as virtual learning, through resources such as Google Classrooms and Zoom. School Resource Officer (SRO) Volten

delivered supplies such as MiFis (a mobile hotspot device) and Chromebooks to families. She performed welfare checks to students who were not checking into classes virtually as required. A combination of both virtual learning and in person learning continued throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Due to a vacancy and need of a Truancy Officer during the 2020-2021 school year, SRO Volten temporarily performed the duties for Wauzeka-Steuben, Seneca, and North Crawford schools. Meetings consisted of trouble shooting with students, parents, and administration on how to make the student successful during this new way of learning. SRO Volten worked with the schools and DHS with formal referrals for habitual truancy and informal offers of services for families. Multiple meetings are held in an attempt to resolve the issue(s) before citations are written.



Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

Deputy Volten took on the majority of Internet Crimes Against Children CyberTips (ICAC). With the help of The Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI) in Madison, she investigates ICAC cases and a few sexual assaults. ICAC cases involve in-depth cyber detective work. To aid in the investigation, electronic devices, such as computers and cell phones, are taken to the State Crime Lab in Madison. Search warrants are often issued to social media companies such as Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat.

ALERT–LOCKDOWN–INFORM–COUNTER–EVACUATE (ALICE)

ALICE is designed to help prepare individuals for an active shooter event. The training is provided by our certified ALICE Training Instructor to area school district staff, local government agencies, businesses, etc....

Our Mission: To Improve Chances of Survival

The threat of an active shooter attack is rare, but very real. We aim to eradicate the "It can't happen to me" mentality and change the way people everywhere respond to armed intruders. At the ALICE Training, we believe that individuals should be prepared for active shooter events and empowered to make their own life-saving decisions. Once this is accomplished, individuals must be trained in proactive active shooter response options, rather than a passive, mandated, one-size-fits-all response. We want all Americans to have the knowledge and skills to survive when shots are fired. We can achieve this by training as many people as possible and implementing training in drill form across all organizations. We have seen the successful results of fire drills. It's now time to start anticipating man-made disasters.

Inmates Booked in the Crawford County Jail in 2020

668 Total Inmates

Adult Males: 479 17-year-old Males: 2

Adult Females: 187 17-year-old Females: 0

COVID-19 Pandemic Brings Changes in the Jail

- Each inmate brought into the Crawford County Jail for booking is asked a series of questions related to the Covid-19 symptoms and exposure. If any of these questions are answered "yes", the inmate is placed on special restrictions until the specific symptoms have dissipated.
- After booking, each inmate is placed into a private cell for a 14-day period to quarantine away from other inmates.
- All Huber inmates have been placed on Electronic Monitoring Program to prevent the amount of traffic going in and out of the facility. If they couldn't meet the criteria to participate in the monitoring program, they were not allowed out and had to complete their sentence in general population.
- Programs such as GED, religion, adult education and AA were suspended with the adult education program reinstated in the fall of 2020.
- Inmates meet with lawyers in the visitation booth instead of in the same room.
- Visitation was stopped for a three-month period. Inmate visitation has been reinstated.
- Staff members were not allowed to take time off other than sick time. This was done to control the number of employees coming in and out of the jail. This unwritten policy was changed back to normal in the fall.
- All staff members are required to take their temperature upon arrival to work and log the results. If the temperature was above 100 degrees, a supervisor is called, and the situation is evaluated.

Huber Law Account	2018	2019	2020
Huber Fees	\$29,512	\$29,088	\$8,056
Prescriptions	\$122	\$52	\$163
Inmate Supplies	\$2,953	\$2,694	\$1,361
Medical Supplies	n/a	\$1,444	\$1,199

Jail Updates



Lt. Russell Wittrig

Inmate Meals

From January 1 through February 15, 2020, Aramark provided the meals for the inmates at \$1.56 per meal. In February, Summit Food Service took over at \$1.99 per meal. A daily meal plan consists of a hot breakfast, sack lunch and a hot supper. A contracted driver, Mike Atkinson, picks up the meals from the Grant County Jail and delivers to our jail each day. In 2020, \$36,906 was spent for 19,660 meals.

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.

Jail Programs

Extended Supervision Sanctions (ES Sanctions)

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 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ES Sanction holds were lower due to an effort to reduce contamination. In 2020, \$24,512 in revenue was generated from ES Sanctions.

Advanced Correctional Healthcare

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

Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP)

The Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) was first utilized in the jail in 2017 for an inmate that was sentenced but had severe medical issues. At this time, it would have been very difficult to provide the medical care necessary to ensure the inmate's safety and well being throughout the duration of their incarceration. The inmate was placed on house arrest with an ankle bracelet that was connected to the phone line. If the inmate went any farther away than out his front door, the monitoring company would get a response and notify the Sheriff's Office. We had no issues throughout the entirety of the inmate completing his sentence in full. After this, we utilized the EMP on two other inmates who also had severe medical issues. Both completed their sentences with few problems. This was a benefit to the county due to us not incurring the medical cost of the inmates if they had remained incarcerated within the jail. Each inmate was responsible for paying the full cost of the monitoring program one month in advance to ensure the Sheriff's Office.

Once Covid-19 began to affect the country changes within the jail were made. Main concerns were to lower the inmate population and keep traffic flow in and out of the jail to a minimum. These changes needed to be implemented while doing everything possible to protect the public and ensure the safety and well being of the inmates as well as Crawford County staff. Inmates posing the least amount of threat to the general public were placed on EMP.

Details of EMP:

- Any inmate released on EMP pays all costs associated with the program one week in advance
- The inmates must have full time employment and a verifiable residence
- Sheriff's Office staff will always know the location of every inmate
- The inmates may not leave their residence, other than work, without pre-approval of jail staff
- The inmates are required to provide a sample of their breath or urine at the request of law enforcement. If either one of these tests are positive for illegal drugs and/or intoxicants, the inmate is to provide a sample of their blood for testing.

The EMP program so far has been a success with few issues. I believe in the foreseeable future that we will continue to utilize this technology even after the Covid-19 pandemic has subsided. This program has helped to control inmate population and operating costs at a minimum.

Emergency Management



Emergencies & Disasters

All required UDSR and Wisconsin disaster fund documentation were submitted. Emergency Management worked with FEMA and partnered with the Crawford County Highway Department for Wisconsin disaster fund submissions.

Trainings & Exercises

Full Scale Exercise:

A full-scale exercise credit was awarded to Crawford County due to the response to the pandemic. A separate, planned out full scale exercise was not required for 2020. An Incident Command Structure was put together for the county response.

ERP

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

Drug Takeback

Crawford County Emergency Management assisted the Sheriff's Office with its prescription drug takeback program.

Drone Program

The drone was used in missing person searches and investigations.

COVID 19 Response

Emergency Management worked alongside the Crawford County Public Health Department to battle the pandemic. We aided Public Health in planning for testing, vaccines, and supply distribution throughout the county. Emergency Management attended multiple local government, state government, and federal government meetings daily.

The Incident Command Structure (ICS) was established with Emergency Management Director, Jim Hackett, was appointed as the Incident Commander.

Deputy Marc Myhre was assigned as the Public Information Officer (PIO). The PIO kept the general public informed through social media and by corresponding with news outlets via email, and radio interviews.

Meetings were held via Zoom to discuss strategies, community concerns, and updated Crawford County and surrounding area positivity numbers.

Local Initiatives

Crawford County Emergency Management completed 3 severe weather awareness campaigns; a statewide tornado drill, weather spotter training, and a public service announcement for winter weather. A printed EPCRA media blast, EPCRA radio interview, and hand outs for chemical sprays were performed. Weather spotter training in Crawford County was held virtually. BNSF also taught hazardous materials and first responder response virtually.

ESF

All 14 Emergency Support Functions (ESF) were updated and approved.

LEPC & EPCRA

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

2020 Grant Dollars

Total amount rewarded: \$1,020,528

Coronavirus Emergency Supplement Funds

\$38,045

ROUTES TO RECOVERY

\$416,101

Wisconsin Disaster Fund Grant

\$46,441 (applied for in 2020)

*Grants requiring a local match or "soft" match was covered by hours worked at regular time by traffic 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 recipients.

EMPG Grant

To support the functions of Crawford County Emergency Management.

EMPG Grant: \$55,179 (50/50)

EMPG-S Grant: \$23,389

EPCRA Grant

To support the functions of Crawford County Emergency Management and the Emergency Planning Right to Know Act. \$6,952

Health Department Grant Partnership

\$28,093

Bullet Proof Vest Partnership

Bullet Proof Vest Partnership -\$2,159.00 New funds and \$10,475 grant funds expended in 2020 (total \$12,634)

Computer & Hazmat Grant

\$9,975

WI DOT Grants

Dot Equipment: \$4,015

DOT Speed: \$18,918

DOT Computer Equipment: \$5,091

DOT Seatbelt: \$62,495

Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response

\$50,000

COPS Hiring Grant

\$264,087 (50/50)

Law Enforcement Specialized Training SFY

\$924

AHTF Grant

The COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program (AHTF) is designed to advance public safety by providing funds to law enforcement agencies to fight the battle against heroin and other opioids. This AHTF funding must be used for investigative purposes to locate or investigate, through statewide collaboration, illicit activities, including activities related to the distribution of heroin or unlawful distribution of prescriptive opioids and unlawful diversion and distribution of prescriptive opioids. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office was reimbursed \$534 in 2020.

CAMP Grant

The Cops Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP) provides reimbursement for personnel overtime associated with the investigation of illicit activities related to the manufacture & distribution of methamphetamine. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office has executed search warrants and investigates leads that are received. Grant dollars are received for the extra hours deputies and investigators work on these cases. In 2020, there was a total reimbursement of \$2,749.

Civil Process, Social Media & Policies

Moratorium

With many out of work due to businesses closing with the State of Wisconsin Safer at Home order, a moratorium was put in place by Governor Tony Evers on March 27, 2020. A temporary halt on residential evictions and foreclosures was ordered to help people stay in their homes during the pandemic. In September of 2020, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) also published an order prohibiting landlords from evicting tenants. This resulted in lower revenue for judgments, sheriff sales, and paper service.

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 15 Executions in 2020:

- Executions Against Property=2
- Writ of Assistance=0
- Writ of Eviction=8
- Writ of Replevin=5

Satisfied Executions were 13

Unsatisfied Executions were 0

Partially Satisfied Execution was 2

Sheriff Sales

Sheriff sales are conducted on Thursdays at 9:30 am. The sales are commenced on the West Steps of the Court House.

All sales can be viewed on the Crawford County Sheriff's Office website. Posting and selling the property brought a revenue of \$1,500 in 2020.

Revenue

2018

2019

2020

Judgments

\$2,663

\$4,652

\$3,120

Paper Service

\$11,460

\$15,060

\$10,365

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 job openings within the department, Facebook has been proven to be an asset.

Crawford County Sheriff's Office Website

We received a total of 41,295 visitors to our website in 2020. That is around 110 people visiting daily and over 3,400 people 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.



Special Operations

Crawford County Sexual Assault Response Team (CCSART)

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Crawford County Sexual Assault Response Team (CCSART) is to promote a systemic response that holds sexual offenders accountable and provides a community-oriented approach in helping support the needs of sexual assault survivors. This will be done through the collaborative and coordinated multidisciplinary response of the agencies and organizations that work with sexual assault survivors in Crawford County. The team will work together to ensure a compassionate, victim-centered response to victims / survivors of sexual violence.

VISION STATEMENT

The Crawford County Sexual Assault Response Team is comprised of personnel from agencies and organizations within the county as well as the surrounding area that work with victims / survivors of sexual assault. The members of this team will work in correlation to achieve the following:

- Protocol to provide seamless victim-centered and offender focused responses to victims of sexual assault as they interact with the criminal justice system
- Educate the community to raise awareness of sexual assault, decreases victim blaming, and increases offender accountability
- Seek feedback from victims of sexual assault to expand understanding of sexual assault dynamics, improve criminal justice response, and assess the effectiveness of the team
- Build relationships with individual responders to sexual assault that increase opportunities for resolution in the event of a challenge or miscommunication among members of the team
- Identify valuable community resources and avoid duplication of services
- Share information, knowledge, and expertise among team members
- Perform case reviews to enhance and improve victim-centered responses and offender accountability

Crawford Emergency Response Team

The Crawford Emergency Response Team (CERT), formally Tri-Rivers Special Operations Team, is a designated unit of law enforcement officers specifically trained & equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve high-risk situations & execute search warrants. Training sessions are coordinated to prepare members for various high-risk situations.

Crawford County Community Crisis Response Team

The Crawford County Community Crisis Response Team meets on a monthly basis. The team consists of representatives from the following organizations: Victim Advocates of Domestic Violence, Public Health, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Crossing Rivers Health and Crawford County Sheriff's Office. In addition, there are also victims of domestic violence who periodically attend the meetings to provide insight as it relates to their real-life experiences. The Crawford County Community Crisis Response Team strives to improve the support network for victims of domestic violence as they recover from the experience of being assaulted by a partner, family member, or roommate.

Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Employees of 2020

Administration & Support

Wade Hutchison, Lieutenant – 13 yrs.
Ryan Fradette, Lieutenant – 16 yrs.

Russell Wittrig, Lieutenant – 18 yrs.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts, Administrative Assistant – 41 yrs.
Corrie Lawrence Valley, Administrative Clerk – 8 yrs.

Jailers

Alisha Merwin – 21 yrs.
Scott Hurda - 20 yrs.
Jessica LaMere - 16 yrs.
Kelly Cornell – 13 yrs.

Nathan Bremmer - 11 yrs.
Alexandria Udelhofen - 5 yrs.
Farshaun Ardestani - 2 yrs.
Elizabeth LaHaie - 2 yrs.

Dispatchers

Lisa Beesecker - 19 yrs.
Sandy Klema - 7 yrs.
Angie Martin - 4 yrs.

Karl Sander - 8 yrs.
Marc Myhre - 6 yrs.
Melissa Tairi - 3 yrs.

Traffic Deputies

Sgt. Phil Baumgartner-15 yrs.

Doug Olson - 24 yrs.
Justin Fortney - 21 yrs.
Shawn Lenzendorf - 8 yrs.
Joe Breeser - 8 yrs.

Cody Mullikin - 7 yrs.
Kyle Mezera - 7 yrs.
Tony Berg - 2 yrs.
Marcus Ploessl - 2 yrs.

Bailiffs

James Rider
Lt. Russell Wittrig

Part Time Jailers, Dispatchers & Traffic Deputies

Jerry Barrette
Tabatha Bohland
Erin Kinley
Emily Pedley Fecht
Elle Kinnison

Josh Lund
Jose Miranda
Rhonda Wurster
Jeff Okey
Alexander Udelhoven

Michelle Routt
Travis Strnad
Kurt Wallin
Cody McCollough

Emergency Management

Jim Hackett, Director - 5 yrs.

School Resource Officer

Elizabeth Volten - 2 yrs.

Animal Control Officer

Christine (Crisse) Reynolds-5 yrs.
Brian Reynolds Christopher Reynolds