

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Cory Roeseler *Sheriff*

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Honorable Members of the Sheboygan County Board and County Administrator Alayne Krause,

I am pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report for the Sheriff's Department. The report describes the activities of the Sheriff's Department and its mission to protect and enhance the quality of life in Sheboygan County by working cooperatively with the citizens.

We continue to collect village contract funds for performing a variety of patrol services with several municipalities within the County. These services generate approximately \$150,000 in revenue. Additionally, we continue to collect revenue for alternatives to incarceration equipment rental from inmates utilizing those devices, and for boarding juveniles from several surrounding counties

Our 2024 budget includes capital expenditures of approximately \$500,000 to replace all of the surveillance cameras in our Detention Center. The existing cameras are analog-based and upgrading to digital cameras will drastically enhance the quality of the images captured. The capital budget also includes three night-vision headsets for our Tactical Unit for a total of \$21,000; and in cooperation with the Planning and Conservation Department and Transportation Department, a drone valued at \$41,991.

We will remain focused on maintaining staffing levels in the Deputy, Corrections Officer, and Communications Officer work groups. We continue to manage the jail population by maximizing alternatives. Specifically, we will increase the use of pre-trial monitoring with and without electronic monitoring.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Law, Human Resources, and Finance Committees for their continued support. I welcome any questions from you regarding these matters or any other services for which we are responsible.

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Roeseler

Sheriff

Mission Statement and Summary of Responsibilities

The mission of the Sheriff's Department is "To protect and serve the citizens of our community by reducing fear, crime, and disorder". The Department values are professionalism, respect, integrity, dedication, and employee values.

The men and women working for the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department gain their authority and receive specific responsibilities from Wisconsin Statutes 59.27 and 59.28. Below is the summary of the responsibilities placed upon the Sheriff's Department by those statutes:

- Enforce all laws; keep and preserve the peace within the County.
- Provide for the housing, care, and security of all inmates.
- Maintain accurate records pertaining to all inmates.
- Attend to and provide security for the five Circuit Courts and Court Commissioner.
- Serve and execute all processes, writs, precepts, and all other lawful orders issued by the courts.
- Conduct operations involving water recovery and rescue.

Goals and Objectives Achieved in 2023

- Operate within our budget. At year end, the Sheriff's Department was \$234,457 over budget primarily due overtime and costs associated with the increased inmate population.
- Successful recruitment and hiring of new employees to fill vacancies in the Corrections Division and maintain staffing levels within the Communications Center and Patrol Division. Near year end, we were able to maintain staffing levels in all divisions.
- Complete upgrades to the computer system that controls our public safety radio tower sites. These upgrades have been completed.
- Implement a new phone system, including a NexGen 911 upgrade, in our Communications Center. This project is on-going and will be completed by the third quarter of 2024.
- Implement a body-worn camera program in our Patrol Division and replace aging in-car video cameras in all of our patrol vehicles. This project has been successfully implemented, and we are seeing weekly benefits of having this technology.
- Replace approximately 15,000 square feet of carpet with epoxy flooring at our Detention Center. This project is nearly complete, but we are reliant on the contractor's timeline.

Budget

| | 2023 Budget | 2023 Results | Variance |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Revenues | \$23,622,946 | \$23,862,796 | \$239,850 |
| Expenses | \$24,431,186 | \$25,007,787 | -\$576,601 |
| Transfers In/Out | \$808,240 | \$910,534 | \$102,294 |
| Total | \$0 | -\$233,570 | -\$233,570 |

Our total budget for 2023 was \$23,622,946 which included \$21,573,286 in tax levy. Our inmate population increased by an average of .04 inmates or .01% compared to 2022. We continued housing juvenile inmates for Brown, Door, Marinette, Manitowoc, Oconto, Shawano, and Kewaunee Counties. We collected revenue from juvenile boarding and adult boarding via Extended Supervision Sanctions through the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. The total revenue from boarding was \$117,330.

Additionally, the County Board graciously approved American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Sheriff's Department in 2023 to provide much-needed wage equity adjustments for our entire Corrections Division. The amount of ARPA funds that were provided totaled \$708,010.

The 2023 negative variance is due to retirement payouts and overtime costs. The 2024 tax levy is \$22,297,187, and the 2024 total budget is \$24,713,428.

Issues and Challenges Ahead

Our largest challenge of 2024 will continue to be retaining staffing levels in our Patrol Division, Corrections Division, and the Communications Center. We are fighting against a national shortage of qualified candidates and competing against many Sheboygan County businesses. We will do our absolute best and continue to lead our staff to overcome this challenge as it impacts the entire County. Additionally, we continue striving to reduce our inmate population in the Detention Center with additional alternatives to incarnation.

Goals and Objectives for 2024

- Operate within budget parameters.
- Successful recruitment, hiring, and retention of new employees to fill vacancies in the Corrections Division, Patrol Division, and Communications Center.
- Complete the upgrade to our surveillance camera system at the Detention Center.
- Implement a completely new phone system, including a NexGen 911 upgrade, in our Communications Center.
- Implement a replacement solution for our aging portable police radios that are at or nearing end of life.

| 2023 Stats | | | | | |
|--|------|---------------|------|--|--|
| Traffic Citations/Warnings | | 5,325 / 4,757 | | | |
| Driving Under the Influence | | 175 | | | |
| Operating with Controlled Substance | | 25 | | | |
| Warrants/Commitments Received | | 1,144 | | | |
| Accidents | | 1,506 | | | |
| K-9 Activity | | 112 | | | |
| Transports | | 1,856 | | | |
| Paper Service | | 2,616 | | | |
| Incidents | | 18,843 | | | |
| 911 Calls | | 31,532 | | | |
| Dispatch Administrative Calls | | 104,308 | | | |
| Text-to-911 Calls | | 109 | | | |
| Total Adult Bookings | | 2,839 | | | |
| Adult Male Bookings | | 2,149 | | | |
| Adult Female Bookings | | 690 | | | |
| Total Juvenile Bookings | | 206 | | | |
| Juvenile Male Bookings | | 139 | | | |
| Juvenile Female Bookings | | 67 | | | |
| Average Daily Jail Population | | | | | |
| Adult | | 279.29 | | | |
| Juvenile | | 8.26 | | | |
| Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) | | 39.72 | | | |
| 3 - Year Reported Crimes Comparison | | | | | |
| 5 2 332 233 F 32 333 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | | |
| Murder/Homicide** | 0 | 1 | 3 | | |
| Rape/Sexual Assaults | 34 | 45 | 36 | | |
| Robbery | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Aggravated/Simple Assaults | 91 | 76 | 110 | | |
| LEOKA* | 11 | 6 | 8 | | |
| Violent Total | 137 | 129 | 158 | | |
| Burglary | 75 | 57 | 22 | | |
| Theft | 264 | 275 | 236 | | |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 13 | 12 | 2 | | |
| Arson | 0 | 2 | 1 | | |
| Disorderly Conduct | 168 | 180 | 170 | | |
| Disorderly Conduct - Domestic Violence Related | 36 | 51 | 35 | | |
| Fraud | 140 | 152 | 316 | | |
| Non-Violent Total | 693 | 729 | 782 | | |
| TOTAL REPORTED CRIMES | 833 | 858 | 940 | | |

^{*} LEOKA = Law Enforcement Officer Killed/Assaulted
** Homicide = Traffic Accident -Homicide by Negligent Operation of Vehicle