

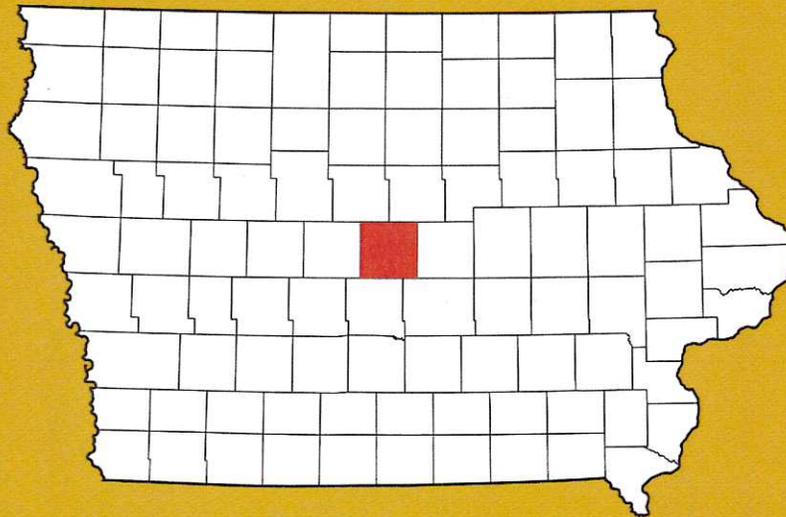


Story County Sheriff's Office

Annual Report



Paul H. Fitzgerald
Story County Sheriff



2015



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ANNUAL REPORT 2015



A Message from Your Sheriff:

Dear Citizens of Story County,

This is the fifth year I have been providing an annual report to the citizens of Story County. The importance of communicating the Story County Sheriffs' Office activities throughout each year is one of my priorities.

The 2015 Annual Report provides statistics and budget information from the sheriff's office. As always, the volunteer dedication is unsurpassable. Thank you to all who volunteer with us and the outstanding work you do for the Sheriff's Office.

I appreciate the time you will take to review the sheriff's office Annual Report. As always, thank you for the opportunity, as your Sheriff, to serve you, the citizens of Story County.

Respectfully,

Paul H. Fitzgerald
Story County Sheriff

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency Dispatch
(515) 382-6566

Civil Division
(515)382-7473

Fax Number
(515)382-7479

Jail Division
(515)382-7464

Administration
(515)382-7458

The Story County Sheriff's Office

Mission Statement

The mission of the Story County Sheriff's Office is to ensure public safety through the implementation of professional and proactive law enforcement services and to build public trust by maintaining the highest standards of performance, integrity, and ethics.

Organizational Chart March 25, 2015 84.5 Authorized Employees



**Sheriff (1)
Paul H. Fitzgerald**

**Chief Deputy (1)
Barry M. Thomas**



**Administrative Assistant/
Budget Supervisor (1)**

**Jail Division
(37.5)**

**Field Services Division
(23)**

**Communications
Division (13)**

**Support Services
Division (8)**

Commander (1)
Assistant Jail Admin. (1)
Supervisors (5)
Deputy (1)
Clerical (1)
D.O.'s (24)
Diversion Program Mgr.
(1)
Cooks (3.5)

Commander (1)
Sergeants (5)
Patrol Deputies (15)
Detectives (2)

Commander (1)
Ops Manager (1)
Dispatchers (11)

Commander (1)
Sergeant (1)
Deputies (2)
Clerical (4)



Cmdr. John Asmussen



Lt. Leanna Ellis



Cmdr. Dina McKenna



Lt. Jeff Dodds

Salute to Sheriff's Office Personnel

RETIREMENTS, NEW HIRES, AND PROMOTIONS

- ◆ Sgt. Russell Belz retired after 26 years of service.
- ◆ Sgt. Randy Mortvedt retired after 26 years of service.
- ◆ Deputy Anthony Rhoad was promoted to sergeant April 2015. Anthony has been with the sheriff's office for 10 years.

New Deputy Sheriff hires:

- ◆ Matthew Massaro — August 2015

New Detention Officer hires:

- ◆ Jordan Lentz - June 2015
- ◆ Karime Massaro — October 2015
- ◆ Cody Hamilton — November 2015

New Jail Cook hires:

- ◆ Jordan Carman — March 2015
- ◆ Ashley Baldwin — September 2015

☆ Military Personnel ☆

We would like to recognize and thank our Story County Sheriff's Office employees who currently serve in the military reserves:

- ◆ Deputy A.J. Christian - Captain with the Iowa Air National Guard 132d Security Forces Squadron
- ◆ Detention Officer Russell Bauer - Staff Sergeant with U.S. Army Reserve 103d Expeditionary Sustainment Command
- ◆ Detention Officer Zachary Skelton—Captain with U.S. Army Reserve 103d Expeditionary Sustainment Command
- ◆ Telecommunicator James Lasher— Staff Sergeant with the Iowa Air National Guard 132d Wing



Personnel Serving on Organizational Boards

- ◆ Capt. Barry Thomas — President, FBI National Academy Associates
- ◆ Cmdr. Dina McKenna — 2nd Vice President, NENA (National Emergency Numbers Association)
- ◆ Sgt. Nick Lennie—Vice President Iowa Crime Prevention Association
- ◆ Jason Grubbs—ISSDA Honor Guard Committee
- ◆ Elizabeth Quinn — ISSDA Legislative Committee

Being affiliated with professional organizations aids us in achieving our mission: "implementation of professional and proactive law enforcement services"

Program Updates

Chaplain Program

The Story County Sheriff's Office has been involved with the Central Iowa Emergency Services Chaplaincy (CIESC) for two years. The program continues to work with skilled volunteer chaplains to provide support and assistance to emergency responders and their families in times of crisis.

Are you a Chaplain interested in volunteering? Please contact

**Capt. Barry Thomas
(515)382-7528**

Farm Watch

Sign up for Farm Watch at www.storycountyiowa.gov Click on Farm Watch on the left hand side of the screen.

Farm Watch continues to grow with participants who have land in Story County. After two years, this program has 114 members. This past year notifications have been sent out to members to be aware of possible burglaries going on in their area.

A.L.i.C.E.

This program has been with the sheriff's office for three years. A.L.i.C.E. continues to expand in the public sector while branching out to the private sector. Be Alert, Lock-down, Inform, Counter the attack, Evacuate.

Want more information on how your business may receive A.L.i.C.E training?

**Contact
Sgt. Nick Lennie
(515)382-6566**

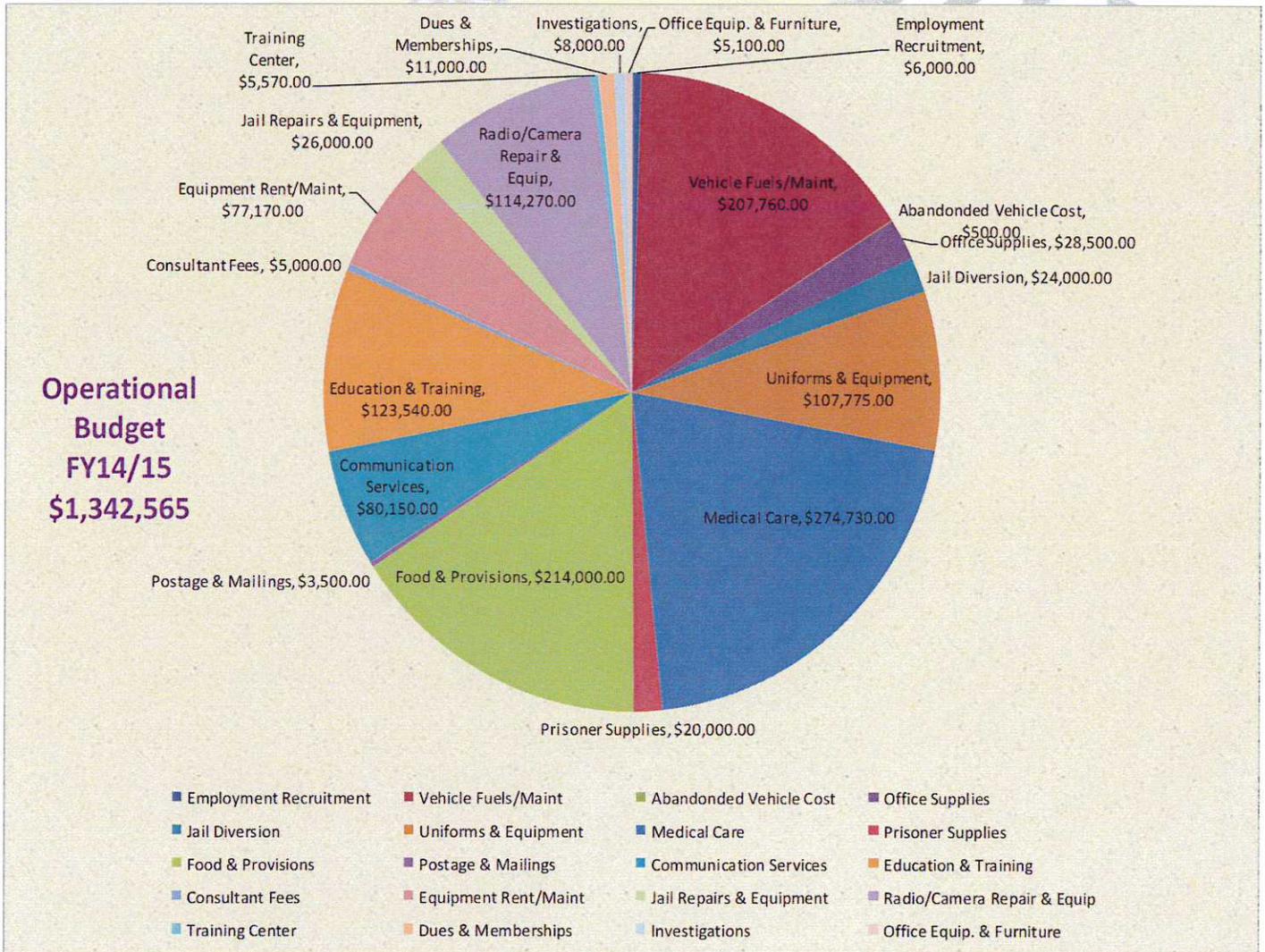
Administration

Sheriff Paul H. Fitzgerald
Capt. Barry M. Thomas - Chief Deputy
Constance Toresdahl - Administrative Assistant/Budget Supervisor

The primary focus of the Administrative Team is to set the direction and mission of the Story County Sheriff's Office and to ensure that professional and proactive law enforcement services are rendered to the citizens of Story County.

Administration continually reviews and updates the office goals and policies. The office goals consist of Safety, Community Partnerships, Fiscal Respon-

sibility, Employee and Leadership Development, Diversity, Technology and Equality. By having overall goals set in these areas, it assists the division commanders to set the goals for their division.



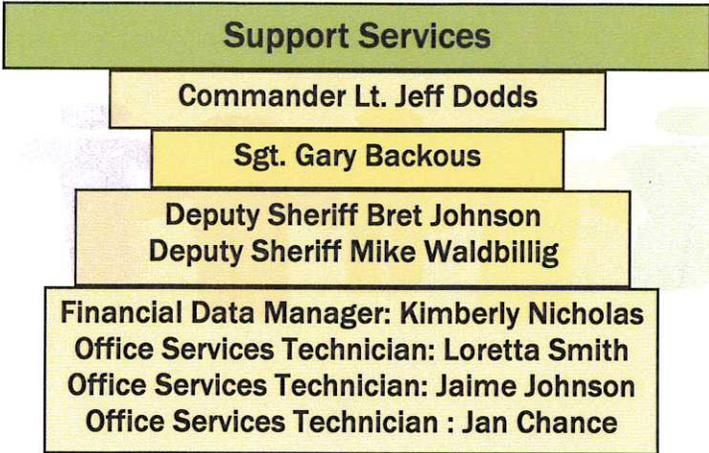
The budget falls under the Administration realm. The sheriff's office's total budget for FY14/15 was \$7,784,292 comprised of Administration and Operational. The Administration consists of payroll, overtime and benefits which is 82.7% of the total budget. The operational portion, charted above, is 17.3% of the total budget. The sheriff's office was granted a \$58,255 amendment to the FY14/15

budget. At the end of the fiscal year, the sheriff's office gave back \$71,234.97.

In January of each year, the Administration team meets with the Board of Supervisors to go over the next fiscal year's budget which begins July 1. For FY15/16 the Board of Supervisors approved a .6% increase over the FY14/15 ending budget (after amend-

ments). The overall FY15/16 budget is \$7,829,384. The sheriff's office began figuring the FY16/17 budget in October 2015.

Revenues are an important portion of the budget. In FY14/15 projected revenue was \$1,081,050; however, actual revenue was \$977,512.77. Revenue projection for FY15/16 is \$1,059,555.



Support Services has many duties within its division. The front office staff handles the civil papers, dissemination of all court paperwork, condemnations, the Sex Offender Registry and Weapon Permits just to name a few.

The Sheriff's Reserve Unit is directed by Support Services. The Reserve Deputy Sheriff performs law enforcement duties as support to our organization in accordance with Chapter 80D of the Iowa Code.

7,373 papers served or attempted

Support Services has two deputies assigned to serve civil papers. The majority of the papers served are Orders from the Court with General Executions running a close second. Other types of papers would include Subpoenas, Original Notices and Warrants.

In 2015, the work of Support Services generated a revenue of \$150,233.17 to the sheriff's office.

Story County Sheriff's Office received 73 Special Executions in 2015. Special Executions are often referred to as Real Estate Foreclosures. Ten (10) were sold to private parties, the balance were either returned to the bank or cancelled.

Thank you to our Sheriff Reserves for all the hours they contributed to the office in 2015.

2,584.5

Sex Offenders Registered in Story County = 90

Support Services handles the registration of the Sex Offenders residing in or visiting Story County. In 2014 obtaining DNA samples was added to the sheriff's office registry process.

For more information on the Iowa Sex Offender Registry:

www.lowasexoffender.com

Revenue Generated	
Civil Papers, Reports, Misc.	\$150,233.17
Permits to Carry	\$25,210.00
Interest Earned	\$56.87
Total	\$175,500.04

Concealed Weapon Permits to Carry Issued 859

Support Services issues concealed permits to carry, professional permits to carry and permits to acquire handguns. For an additional \$10.00, you may receive your permit to carry in the form of a hard card.

In 2015, 12 non professional permit applications were denied, while three (3) were suspended. There were eight (8) permits to acquire denied and one (1) suspended.

The law on permits to carry and acquire may be found in the Code of Iowa Chapter 724.

Support Services

Dive Team

The Story County Dive Team is a combination of five (5) employees and five (5) volunteers. In 2015, there were three (3) dive team call outs and one drowning call.

The dive team is a specialized unit within the sheriff's office. They are trained in water rescue, underwater search and recovery, underwater investigation and ice diving. The dive team will travel within Iowa to assist fellow agencies with underwater search and recovery.

The team members train once a month and are required to pass an annual watermanship test in order to remain active on the team.

Turn Around,
Do Not
Drown!

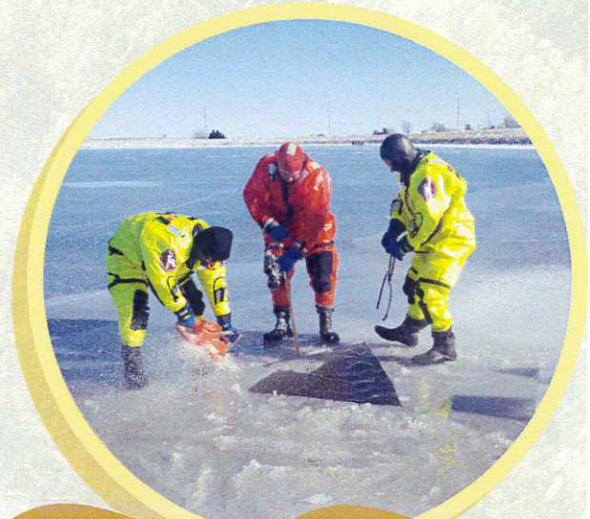


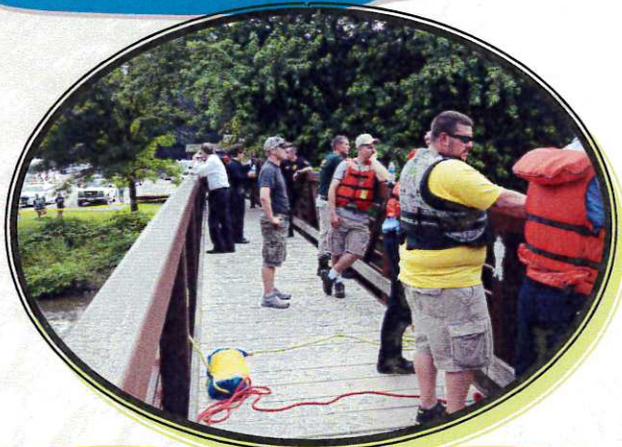
Photo courtesy of Michael Peck. Dive team members preparing the ice for ice dive training. The dive team takes advantage of the winter months to prepare for this specific rescue or recovery. Each diver is able to perform each task involved in an ice dive.



Dive team members James Schroeder, Karissa Tande, Aaron Kester and Michael Peck using sonar to help locate the victim.



Dive team members find and prepare to recover the victim.



Dive team members and first responders patiently wait while the dive team members in the boat search the river.

Dive Team
2015
Budget
\$11,550

Story County Sheriff's Office



Dive Team

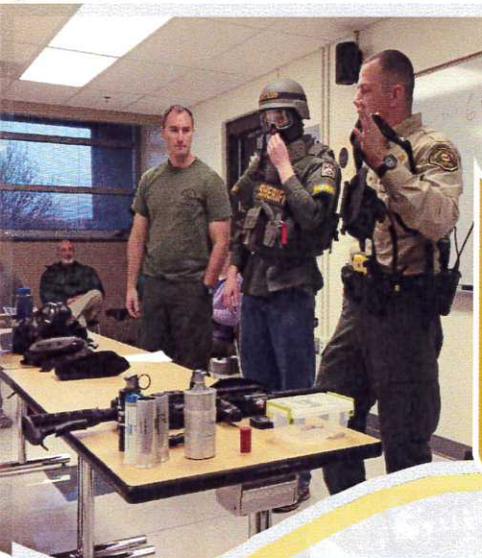
Story County Dive Team photos courtesy of Allan Lavender.

Support Services

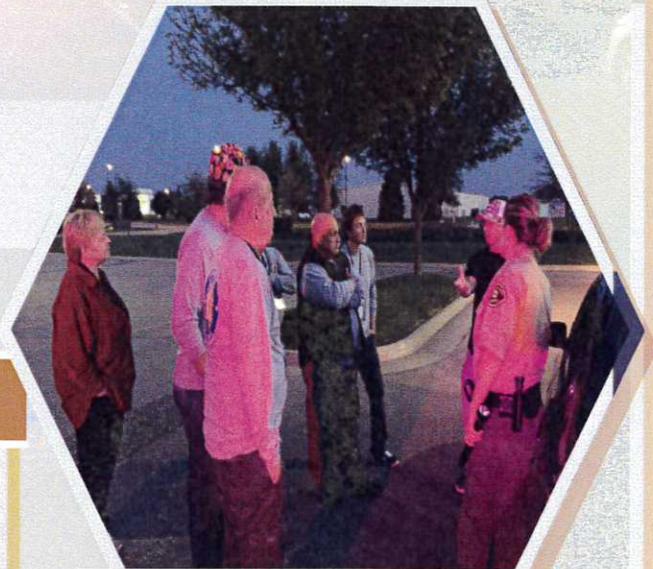
Citizen's Academy 2015



The Story County Sheriff's Office offers a ten week course to the citizens of Story County. Once a week, the members of the Citizen's Academy get together and learn about a different division within the office. This not only educates the public, it also promotes a better relationship between the sheriff's office and the people we serve.



E.R.T.
(Emergency
Response
Team) Night



How to make a traffic stop.
What do you look for?

A Day at the Range



Would you like to participate in the Citizen's Academy? Contact Sgt. Gary Backous at (515)382-7473

VOLUNTEERS

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.—Author Unknown

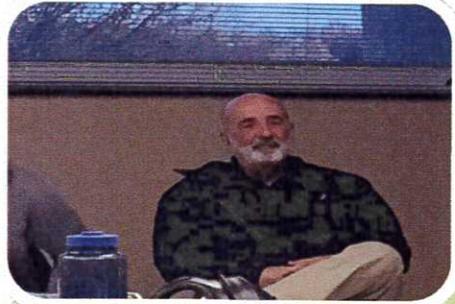
The volunteer program at the Story County Sheriff's Office is considered one of the most important programs we have. We have volunteers who help in every division within the office.

Jail volunteers help with visitation, facilitate ministry work, and substance abuse counseling.

Support Services volunteers help our front office staff with data entry, the Citizen's Academy held once a year, and they assist with the firing range.

The Sheriff's Reserve Program consists of all volunteers and the Dive Team consists of volunteers alongside sheriff's office employees.

The hours given by volunteers to the Story County Sheriff's Office in 2015 totaled 4,070.3. This is the equivalence of 2.0 employees.



Helping with Citizen's Academy



Volunteers Training on the Phone Bank System

Volunteer Hours

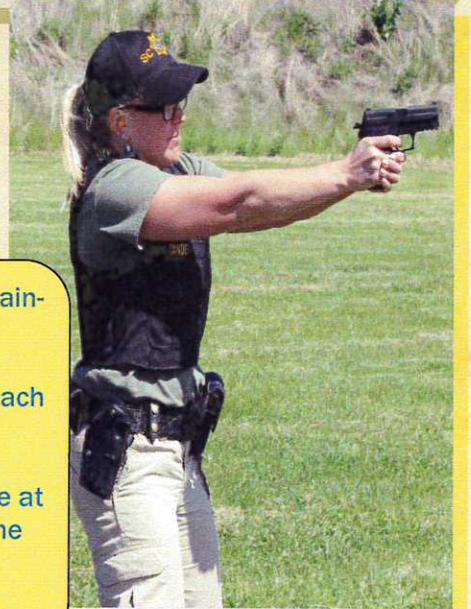
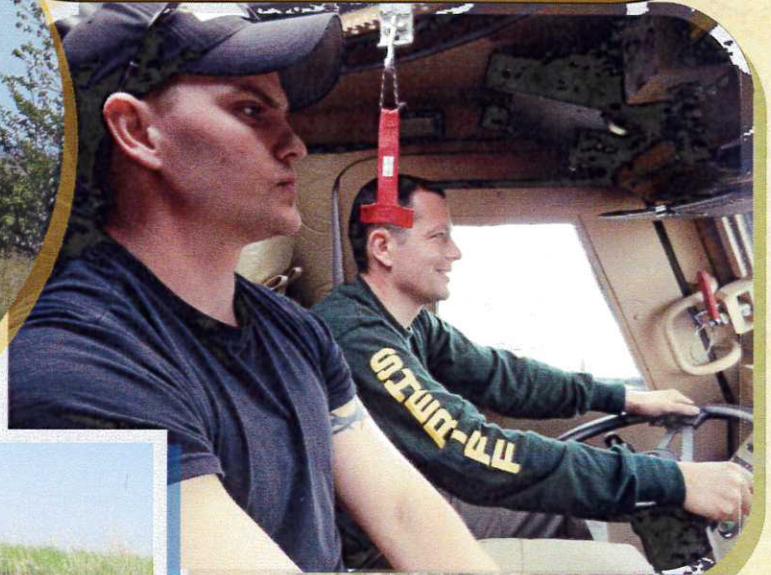
Reserves:	2,584.50
Dive Team:	947.0
Jail:	299.55
Citizen's Academy:	117.5
Front Office:	107.0
Tip Line:	64.0
Firing Range:	45.0
Total:	4,164.55



A special Thank You to R.S.V.P. (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)! Your continued partnership proves to be an asset to the sheriff's office.

Story County Sheriff's Office Training

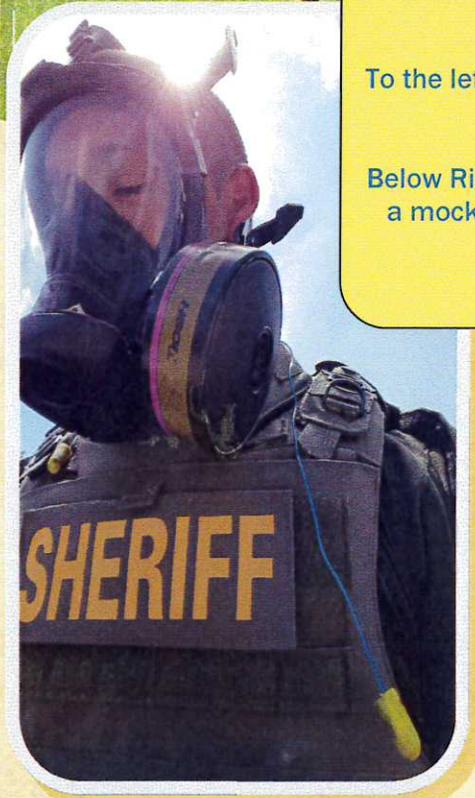
The Emergency Response Team conducts continual training with the MRAP.



Story County Sheriff's Office conducts firearms training twice a year.

To the left: Deputies certify on their gas masks each year.

Below Right: Deputy Hochberger arrives on scene at a mock accident at CMB High School to show the hazards of drinking and driving.



Field Services

Commander: Lt. Leanna Ellis

Patrol Division

First Shift Supervisor
Sgt. Nicholas Lennie

Second Shift Supervisor
Sgt. Anthony Rhoad

Third Shift Supervisor
Sgt. Brian Tickle

Deputy Dillon Combs
Deputy Jason Grubbs
Deputy Joel Navratil
Deputy Elizabeth Quinn
Deputy Jeff Scott

Deputy Matthew Bartos
Deputy A.J. Christian
Deputy Nicholas Hochberger
Deputy James Schroeder
Deputy Matthew Massaro

Deputy Seth Bean
Deputy Andrew Boeckman
Deputy Jamie Schmitz
Deputy Kyle Schultz
Deputy Brett Sink

The Story County Sheriff's Patrol Division continues to attend contract town monthly council meetings. The deputies provide public safety presentations in several areas, some of which include: Drug Recognition Expert, distracted driving, and A.L.I.C.E. They have also participated in a mock accident scene to deter high school students from drinking and driving.

15,086 calls responded to by Story County Patrol with an average response time of 9.57 minutes.

"Seek respect, not attention. It lasts longer."
-Ziad Abdelnour

Year of the slick top. Story County Sheriff's Office purchased a light bar which is mounted on the inside of a vehicle; Hence, the term slick top! The idea is to have less wind resistance on the vehicle, as well as less wear and tear on the light bar itself.

Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Patrol Statistics

Summons Speed	1083	Summons Child Restraint	2	Fatal Crashes	4
Warning Speed	1212	Warning Child Restraint	6	Injury Crashes	60
Stop Sign/Light Citation	51	Arrest OWI	91	Property Damage Crashes	372
Stop Sign/Light Warning	106	OWI Contact	67	Arrest Warrants	400
Summons Other	124	Public Intox Arrest	14	Arrest Other	127
Warning Other	2488	Possession Under Age	4	Juvenile Referral	9
Equipment Other Warning	651	Open Container	20	Motorist Assist	957
Summons Seatbelt	54	.02 Violation	1	Civil Notices	331
Warning Speed	70			Total	8304

Story County Field Services continues to apply for grants with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB). In 2015, Story County was awarded \$19,720: \$9,000 for overtime, \$1,720 for training and \$9,000 for equipment.

A Shift in the Life of Story County Patrol...

Everyday is different for a Story County Deputy. The following is an actual shift's activity for all deputies on duty one Thursday in November from 1500 hours to 2300 hours.

15:00—Deputies radio in to dispatch to start their shift.

15:14—Dispatch advised Deputy 85-42 a reporting party wanted to speak with a deputy reference some harassment.

15:17—Deputy 85-42 arrived to take the report. (Over the next few hours the deputy was able to track down and interview all parties involved. 85-42 completed this call at 20:04 hours. Throughout this shift activity, you will see deputy 85-42 was called to other duties as well.)

15:34—Deputy 85-45 advised extra patrol was needed in Zearing.

15:41—Deputy 85-45 completed task.

15:40—Deputy 85-34 conducted a traffic stop.

15:44—Deputy 85-34 issued a warning for speed.

15:47—Deputy 85-34 conducted a traffic stop.

15:55 Deputy 85-34 issued a citation for speed.

16:02 Deputy 85-33 transported a subject.

16:23 to 16:49 Deputy 85-34 attempted service on six civil papers.



16:49—Dispatch advised Deputy 85-42 of a report of a stolen computer.

16:50 to 16:56 Deputy 85-34 at-

tempted two civil papers.

17:05 Deputy 85-42 arrived to take the report of the stolen computer.

17:14—Deputy 85-33 completed his transport.

17:34—Deputy 85-42 advised dispatch the situation was a civil matter between a boyfriend and ex-girlfriend. The deputy referred them to a civil attorney.

18:04 to 18:12—Deputy 85-34 attempted two civil papers.

18:38—Dispatch advised all deputies of a report of a reckless driver on Highway 65.

18:48—Deputy 85-37 located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop.

18:58—Deputy 85-37 advised the driver was very tired and there was no indication of impairment.

19:17—Deputy 85-42 conducted a traffic stop.

19:20—Deputy 85-42 issued a warning for a headlight out.

19:31—Deputy 85-45 performed a security check.



The Shift Continues...

19:40—Dispatch advised Deputy 85-42 of a report of an unsecured bicycle parked behind a main building.

19:44—Deputy 85-42 arrived on scene. It appeared as though the bicycle was left there on purpose.



19:45 Deputy 85-33 conducted a traffic stop.

19:47—Deputy 85-45 performed a security check.

19:48—Deputy 85-42 cleared from the call.

19:51—Deputy 85-33 issued a warning for obstructed view of the registration plate. The plate was unreadable due to dirt.

20:03—Deputy 85-37 attempted a civil paper.

20:04—Deputy 85-42 completed his original call from the beginning of the shift.

20:06—Dispatch received a call of

a subject who needed to be transferred from Ames to Des Moines.

20:14—Deputy 85-37 attempted a civil paper.

20:35—Deputy 85-42 conducted a traffic stop.

20:45—Deputy 85-42 issued a warning for speed and a warning for operating with an expired license.

20:57—Deputy 85-37 stopped at a vehicle parked within the roadway.

20:58—Deputy 85-33 began the transport of the subject from 20:06.

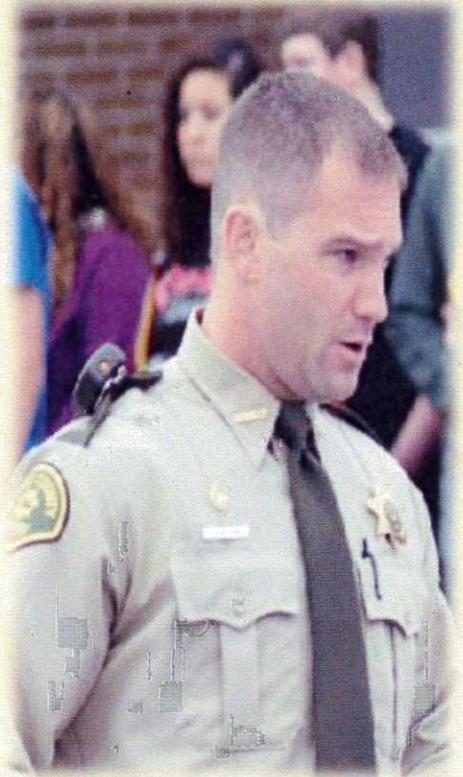
21:06—Deputy 85-37 cleared from the vehicle and gave a warning for parking in the roadway.

21:13—Deputy 85-37 conducts a traffic stop.

21:22—Deputy 85-37 issued a warning for registration and insurance.

21:35 Deputy 85-42 conducted a traffic stop.

21:40—Dispatch advised there was a report of juveniles stealing items in a pasture.



The Shift Continues...

21:42—Deputy 85-45 responded.

21:43—Deputy 85-42 issued a citation for speed, and began to head to the juvenile situation.

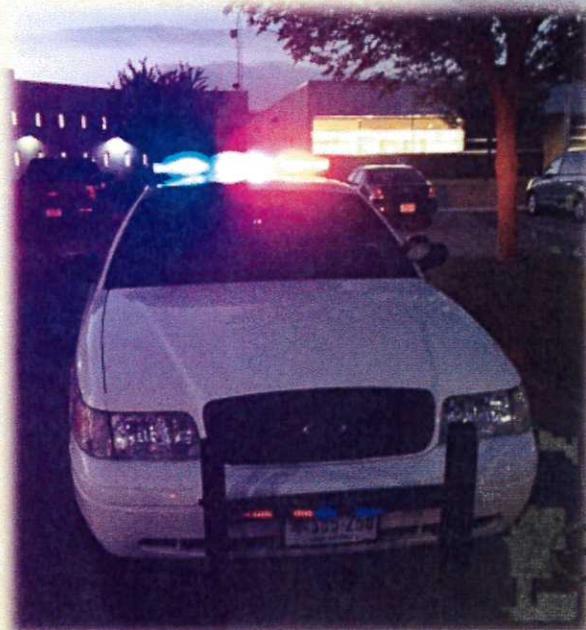
21:53—Deputy 85-33 cleared from his transport and available for calls.

21:59—Deputies 85-45 and 85-42 cleared from the juvenile call. The subjects were looking at stuff for an auction. Their stories were legitimate.

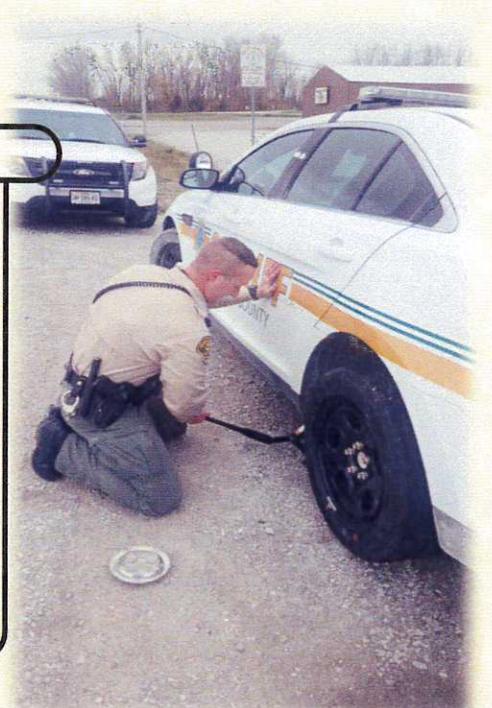
23:00—All second shift deputies signed off for the night.



The photos in this segment of the annual report are random photos. They are not from the actual shift work transcribed.



Thank you to all the people who helped photograph our deputies on duty. A special thank you to Deputy Dillon Combs for catching the everyday deputy on camera: Deputy Joel Navratil changing his fellow deputy's flat tire.



Field Services, cont.

Investigations

Sgt. Rodney Bunn

Detective Aaron Kester

Central Iowa Drug Task Force

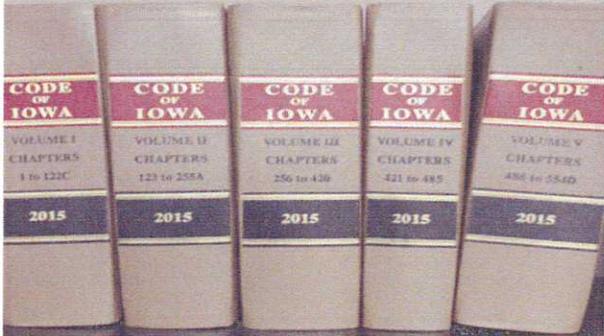
Story County Investigators have resources at their fingertips to help resolve cases. They are active members in the Iowa Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN) and Mid-State Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC). These organizations have the ability to share information throughout the Midwest as well as nationwide.

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Crime	2015	2014	% Change
Arson	2	0	100.00%
Assault	51	57	(10.53%)
Burglary	61	57	7.02%
Sexual Assault	16	11	45.45%
Robbery	0	0	0%
Theft	69	72	(4.17%)
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	15	(20.0%)
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2	1	100.00%
Fraud	34	17	100.00%
Embezzlement	0	1	(100.0%)
Stolen Property	2	2	0.00%
Vandalism	42	41	2.44%
Narcotic Offense	89	76	17.11%
Pornography	0	3	(100.00%)
Weapons Law	1	0	100.00%
Bad Check	1	0	100.00%
Total	382	353	8.22%



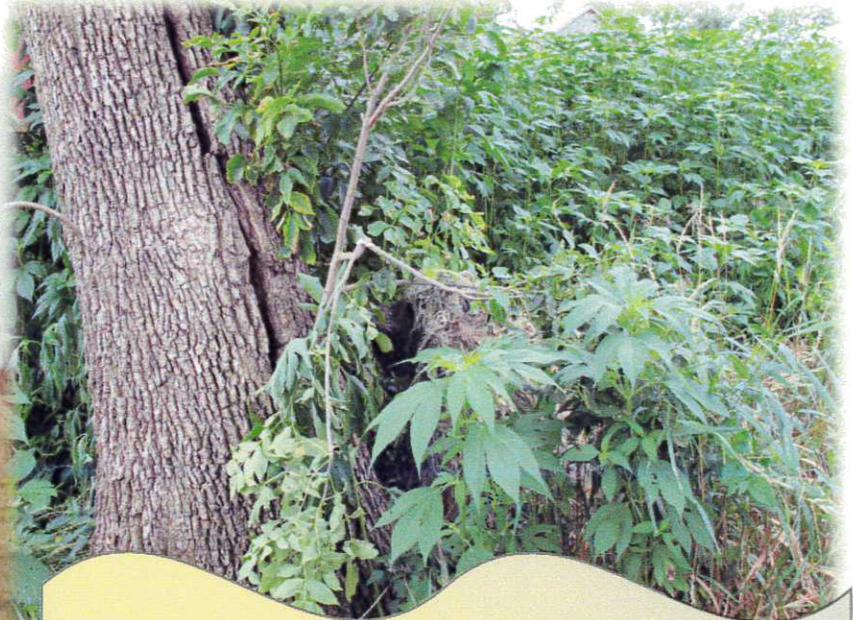
2015 Central Iowa Drug Task Force Statistics

Type of Arrest	Count	Drug Type Confiscated	Amounts
Felony Arrest	53	LSD	20 Doses
Misdemeanor Arrest	33	Cocaine	12 Grams
Felonies Charged	69	Ecstasy	22 Doses
Pending Charges	157	Marijuana	9,281Grams
Labs Found	6	Marijuana Synthetic	16 Grams
Search Warrants	35	Hydrocodone	30 Doses
Drug Buys	76	Methamphetamine (Meth)	43 Grams
Money Seized	\$39,410	Meth. ICE	65 Grams
Guns Seized	4	Mushrooms	242 Grams/2 grow
Vehicles Seized	1	Misc. Prescriptions	217 Doses
		Heroin	22 grams

Heroin and Miscellaneous Prescriptions have the largest increase since 2014

Field Services, cont.

Emergency Response Team (E.R.T.)



The Story County Emergency Response Team (E.R.T.) trains together once a month. Their training focuses on many areas including: Building entry, firearms and MRAP Safety and Rescue. Photos in the upper left and lower right are MRAP training. Photos upper right and lower left are sniper training.



**Thank you
to Allan Lavender
for the photos!**

Jail

Jail Administrator: John Asmussen

Assistant Jail Administrator: Micah Andersen

DO Supervisor Josh Houston
DO Supervisor Levi Hansen
DO Supervisor Josh Webster
DO Supervisor Ben Boelkes

Transport Deputy: Tim Schoppe

1st Shift
DO Clark Blau
DO Tracy Geffre
DO Michelli Good
DO Diane Hobart
DO Mike Kennedy
DO Michael Peck
DO Randy Stoeffler
DO Karissa Tande

2nd Shift
DO Russell Bauer
DO Karime Massaro
DO Abigail Brend
DO Cory Davis
DO Al Lavender
DO Adam Packer
DO Jordan Lentz

3rd Shift
DO Rodney Briggs
DO Jason Fugere
DO Amanda Roush
DO Travis Harrison
DO Natosha Scheuerman
DO Zach Skelton
DO Isaac Bean

Cooks: Nicholas Rosenberg, Sherry Sinclair, Ashley Baldwin, Jordan Carman

Office Services Technician: Nancy Denekas
Jail Diversion Case Manager: Amy Peters

Story County Jail is a 104 bed facility. We continue with the jail diversion program which helps people re-enter society and reduces recidivism.

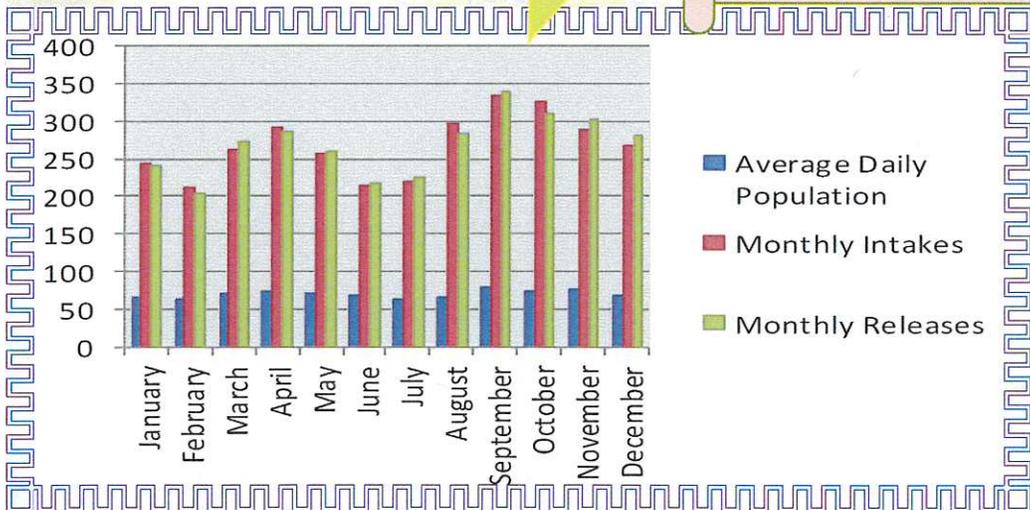
Inmates processed each year continues to drop. In 2012 we processed 7,743 while in 2015 the jail processed 6,437.

Average daily population stays steady at 70 inmates a day.

The busiest month of the year? September with 335 intakes and 340 releases

"It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones."

- Nelson Mandela



Jail Operational Budget \$639,556

Communications

Commander: Dina McKenna

Communications Operations Manager: Nicolas Briseño

Telecommunicators: Margie Burkle, Colin Chinery, Joan Hinders, Marcene Hunter, James Lasher, Jerri Levri, Marilyn Mosinski, Stephanie Memmer, Kristen Moore, Danielle Schmitt, Janet Stoll

Story County Sheriff's Office Communications is the division that connects the citizens of Story County to law enforcement, fire departments and ambulances. Telecommunicators are trained to provide pre-arrival emergency medical assistance over the phone. They attend continuing education classes and trainings throughout the year to ensure the best possible service to the citizen's of Story County.

**2015
"Busiest Day
of the Week"
Friday = 2,761
sheriff's office
Calls for Service**



**911 calls received
in 2015
8,378**
 **1,312 were from land
lines**
 **7,066 were from
cell phones**

*"Precision of communication is important, more important than ever, in our era of hair trigger balances, when a false or misunderstood word may create as much disaster as a sudden thoughtless act."
—James Thurber*



Telecommunicator
Colin Chinery

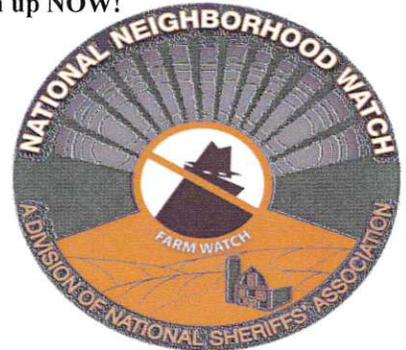
**Dispatch
Operational
Budget
\$173,900**



Telecommunicator
Margie Burkle



Sign up NOW!



NOTE:
Employment Opportunities:
Job openings with the Sheriff's Office are posted on the Story County, IA website under employment (www.storycountyiowa.gov)
Story County is an Equal Opportunity Employer



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