

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office



2013 Annual Report



Paul S. Milbrath, Sheriff



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EXTRADITIONS AND OUT-OF-STATE TRANSPORT

One function of the Sheriff's Office is the transport of a person under extradition from any state back to Wisconsin. This occurs when a person charged with a felony in Wisconsin flees the state. A Jefferson County Circuit Court then orders the person to be held accountable for their offense.

That person's name and description is entered into a nation-wide computer system, accessible only to law enforcement. If, for any reason, police have contact with the fugitive and run their information through the system, they will get a "hit". This notifies Jefferson County that our fugitive has been stopped by an out-of-state agency.

It is then our responsibility to confirm to that agency that we want the fugitive and will extradite him/her back here. The Jefferson County District Attorney then confirms the process to bring the subject back and the amount of bond available to them.

The fugitive appears in front of a judge in the state in which he/she is detained. If the subject agrees to come back to Wisconsin or "waives", the fugitive is brought back.

If the subject disputes the charge, the District Attorney petitions the Governor of Wisconsin to request the return of the fugitive. This request goes to the Governor of the state that is holding the inmate. Upon review of the facts, if the other Governor agrees to the request, he/she issues a Governor's warrant. The fugitive is then arrested on this warrant and Jefferson County is notified to pick up the individual.

Statistics for 2013 on extraditions:

A total of 25 individuals were held in other states on felony warrants issued in Jefferson County. Some of these have been carried over from previous years, as they are serving prison sentences in other states. Of those, 19 were brought back to Jefferson County by the Sheriff. Five were carried forward into 2014. One had a warrant quashed. The majority of charges were for Failure to Support, but charges also included, battery, second degree sexual assault; fail to report, sexual assault of a child, burglary, drug charges, and numerous other offenses.

We transported the majority of the fugitives using a transportation service, Prisoner Transport Service, to transport our prisoners back to Wisconsin. This service charges by the mile, one-way, and is by far less expensive than sending our personnel. Three fugitives were transported from Illinois, so it was more cost effective to use our deputies on these short trips.

We continue to utilize a web search program called CLEAR, which has allowed our dispatch center to locate fugitives that have moved out of state. Dispatchers have been very proactive in trying to locate fugitives that have fled our state.

The cost to the county was approximately \$14,405.40 for all of these transports. The costs to return these inmates are borne by the inmate as we continue to work with the District Attorney to request court-ordered restitution for these expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry A. Haferman, Captain
Administrative Division

ACCOUNTING OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS ANNUAL REPORT 2013

MONTH	NUMBER OF JUVENILES	COST OF JUVENILE TRANSPORTS	NUMBER OF ALL TRANSPORTS	COST OF ALL TRANSPORTS
January	6	\$555.63	21	\$2,977.68
February	8	\$1,001.73	27	\$3,995.36
March	10	\$1,751.11	23	\$4,050.00
April	8	\$1,677.34	26	\$5,259.36
May	9	\$1,222.64	28	\$3,865.00
June	11	\$1,162.03	22	\$3,105.84
July	6	\$999.15	21	\$3,841.97
August	10	\$1,278.63	27	\$4,121.78
September	13	\$1,544.66	24	\$3,200.86
October	16	\$2,210.07	35	\$5,607.19
November	6	\$1,473.35	21	\$3,513.71
December	<u>6</u>	<u>\$1,041.18</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>\$3,299.79</u>
TOTAL =	109	\$15,917.52	297	\$46,838.54

Report to the Sheriff

By: Karen Schmidt, Account Clerk

In addition to the extradition of individuals from outside the State of Wisconsin, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office also transports adults and juveniles throughout the state. The transports within the State of Wisconsin are at the request of the courts and Human Services. The adults are transported to and from other institutions for the purpose of appearing in court, mental commitments, and alcohol detoxification, among others.

Juveniles are transported by the Sheriff's Office primarily for the same reasons adults are transported, in addition to juvenile detention. Juveniles constitute 37 percent of all transports. The above chart indicates the cost of transporting juveniles to be \$15,917.52, or 34 percent of the total spent on transportation.

Those costs are based upon the 2013 mileage rate at \$0.565 plus the deputy's hourly wage. The costs are monitored and show the efforts made to minimize the fiscal impact upon the county. The lower cost is accomplished by utilizing on-duty and part-time deputies.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul S. Milbrath, Sheriff

PATROL DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Jefferson County Patrol Division is comprised of 43 members: One captain, six sergeants, 34 deputies, one mechanic, and one secretary. In addition to patrol, this division has several specialized units. These specialized units include Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Team, Dive Recovery Team, Boat Patrol, Snowmobile Patrol, Motorcycle Patrol, K-9 unit, Crash Investigation Team (C.I.T.), Truck Enforcement, Traffic Safety, and Animal Control Officers.

The Patrol Division continued to work at less than full staff for the year, but continued to assist the jail with open shifts as well as working the varied specialty units and assignments that are needed to keep the Sheriff's office providing the level of service that the public has come to expect. Requests for K-9 demonstrations, assistance with the many bicycle events and races that occur within our county continue to increase each year and our need to make certain that the public is safe at these events continues to be a goal of the division.

In 2013, the Jefferson County recreation patrol purchased two new snowmobiles and a new boat. Although the sleds we had were in good condition, with low mileage and no mechanical issues, the age of the machines and the advancement in technologies made it a good investment to upgrade to the newer machines. The snow conditions did not cooperate and the units saw little use last year, but we are prepared if they are needed. The new boat that was purchased is smaller than the older Boston Whaler it replaced but will be a much more functional piece of equipment for the lakes and rivers that we patrol.

During 2013 we completed the change over to the Chevrolet Tahoe squads. This also included the purchase of additional in-squad camera systems from Coban. The deputies have found that the higher seating in the Tahoes helps with seeing what is going on around them and they are easier to get into and out of with the equipment that they are required to wear.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office continues to be a leader in the utilization of propane for our patrol fleet. Through grant funding from Wisconsin Clean Cities Coalition, we have secured propane systems from 2 different companies: in 2012 we purchased systems from IMPCO and in 2013 we purchased systems from ICOM North America. Both systems are proving to be very reliable with few maintenance issues. The change in companies came as a result of IMPCO concentrating more on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) systems. The Sheriff's Office continues to provide decommissioned squads to Human Services which then continues to share in the fuel savings by having the ability to run the vehicles on propane.

In 2013, we had several other law enforcement agencies come to view our propane systems with the result that the Port Washington Police Department has begun the conversion of their police fleet to propane.

The shooting at the Sandy Hook School in Newtown, Connecticut in December 2012 pointed out the need for law enforcement and school districts to work together to ensure the safety of our schools by being prepared for such events. In 2013, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Deputy William Dandoy have spent a considerable amount of time working with other local law enforcement agencies in educating the school districts about what to do if an active shooter event

were to occur, assisting in updating their action plans and providing hands-on training so that the staff can be better prepared to react and protect their students. We will continue to train our deputies to be prepared to respond to active shooter emergencies.

We-Tip and our Citizen's Police Academy continued in 2013. We-Tip allows citizens to make anonymous reports of crime to local agencies which may, in turn, produce a cash reward. Our Citizen's Police Academy provides a hands-on, informative, learning experience to civilians about the law enforcement profession.

Respectfully Submitted,
Duane R. Scott, Captain
Patrol Division Administrator



FIREARMS TRAINING ANNUAL REPORT 2013

In 2013, deputies of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office fired approximately 20,000 rounds of handgun ammunition, 3,000 rounds of 12-gauge shotgun ammunition and 6,000 rounds of rifle ammunition while continuing to keep their firearm skills at a high level of readiness. The importance of firearms training is related to the issues of disability and proper decision making when applying the proper level of force to affect an arrest or the apprehension of an individual in the process of committing a crime.

Deputies received training in all aspects of the use of their handguns, shotgun, and rifle; including close combat training, barricade shooting, seeking cover, shooting while moving, prone shooting, one handed shooting, night and dim light shooting, and practice in drawing their weapons and shooting accurately at moving targets.

During the winter months, additional training addresses the maintenance and proper handling and use of firearms. During this period of time we also take advantage of scenario training made available to us through the use of Air-Soft training weapons, allowing the deputy an opportunity to develop decision-making skills in shoot, don't shoot situations. The objective is to insert a high level of stress into the training situation that gives the deputy the chance to practice communication skills necessary to gain control of a dangerous situation.

Respectfully submitted
Matthew J. Miller, Sergeant
Firearms Instructor

FLEET VEHICLES ANNUAL REPORT 2013

In 2013, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office purchased Seven Chevrolet Tahoe's Patrol Squads, and one Ford F250.

Overall, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office logged a total of 919,550 miles in the year 2013. The breakdown for each division is as follows: Patrol Division logged 731,102 miles; Detective Division logged 41,007 miles; Support Services Division logged 105,491 miles; and the Administrative Division logged 41,950 miles.

The Patrol and Transport Division vehicles continue to run primarily on Liquid Propane fuel. The average cost of propane for 2013 was approximately \$1.32 per gallon with tax, which compares to the average cost of about \$3.01 per gallon for regular, unleaded fuel. The Sheriff's Office currently has 18 dual fuel vehicles in its fleet.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Scheinkoenig, Sergeant
Fleet Maintenance Supervisor



OWI STATISTICS ANNUAL REPORT 2013

This past year showed an increase in arrests made for operating while intoxicated (OWI). A total of 112 drivers were arrested for OWI in 2013. Of these drivers, 22 refused to submit to the test; and, of those, 10 had blood drawn despite their refusal due to the fact that they were repeat offenders and their violations are considered traffic crimes. In addition, 45 of arrests made last year were a result of automobile accidents.

The average blood alcohol content (BAC) for 2013 was .186% compared to the 2012 average of .212%. High and low months for 2013 were October and November with 13 arrests and August with 5 arrests.

In 2012, 108 drivers were arrested for OWI. The month with the most arrests was November with 13 arrests, and the lowest months were June and October with 6 arrests made in each month.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon M. Groshek, Sergeant
Patrol Division

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Special Weapon and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T.) consists of 14 deputies, one sergeant, and one captain. In 2013, the team executed two high-risk drug search warrants, two activations for armed barricaded suspects in the County, and one for two subjects being held hostage in the City of Fort Atkinson.

Each incident resulted in a resolution that prevented anyone from being injured or seriously hurt. Even though the team trains for a physical assault, the objective is to resolve an event with the least use of force. This is reflected in the training program provided to S.W.A.T. team members.

Respectfully submitted
Matthew J. Miller, Sergeant
Special Weapons and Tactics Team Commander



WATER SAFETY PATROL ANNUAL REPORT 2013

In 2013, the Jefferson County Water Safety Patrol was active on the Rock River and Lake Koshkonong. All members of the unit perform their primary duties in other divisions of the Sheriff's Office. A new boat was purchased in the spring and the unit began patrolling in May.

During the boating season the Water Safety Patrol accumulated a total of 95.5 hours. Some of these hours consisted of training new deputies and continuing education for current members. Boating safety courses were again offered to the community with several attending and receiving a boating safety certificate.

2013 BOATING EXPENDITURES

SALARIES	\$ 3,483.46
TRAVEL, MATERIALS, & SUPPLIES	\$ 800.77
DEPRECIATION CLAIMED FOR CAPITAL ITEMS.....	\$ 3,093.52
TOTAL COST OF PATROL	<u>\$7,377.75</u>
ACTUAL REIMBURSEMENT FROM DNR	\$5,367.33
NET COST OF PATROL AFTER REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,010.42

Four DNR citations were issued on various bodies of water in 2013. The division was very visible, with many positive contacts on all bodies of water that we patrol.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas A. Rue, Sergeant
Water Safety Patrol Coordinator

MOTORCYCLE PATROL ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The motorcycle patrol was utilized more this past year compared to the preceding couple of years and members of the patrol continue to operate our two Harley Davidson motorcycles. We lost one member due to retirement; however, we were also able to recruit a new member. The motorcycle patrol was assigned to high traffic crash areas and areas where citizens made complaints of high speed and traffic issues. Routine enforcement was also used on Interstate 94 and the new Highway 26 bypass.

During the 2013 riding season, the members of the motorcycle patrol covered approximately 4,733 miles and issued a total of 448 traffic citations. An approximate total of \$72,439.80 was charged in bond as a result of the citations issued.

The motorcycle patrol continues to be a positive addition to traffic enforcement in Jefferson County, as well as being a public relations tool at various functions throughout the county.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Groshek, Sergeant



UNDERWATER INVESTIGATION AND RECOVERY TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Dive Team trains every month to maintain its efficiency. In 2013 a few divers retired from the team. We went through the process to replace them and also added divers to the team. The team consists of 13 divers of varying certifications, from open water diver up to instructor. The dive team is able to provide specialized diving such as ice diving, swift-water dives, dry-suit dives and limited or no visibility diving. Throughout the past year, the dive team trained in rivers, lakes, and quarries with much of the training in limited visibility due to the types of calls we receive. We train under the ice since we also respond to assist with victims that have fallen through. In 2013 we had two training sessions where we were able to practice diving under the ice in Rock Lake. At times we train with other dive teams in and around Jefferson County and we also train with local fire departments since they are often the first to respond. In an average year, the dive team gets several calls for assistance to recover evidence and/or drowning victims in various waters in our county.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office takes great pride in their dive team and its ability to assist the citizens of the county. We will continue to train so that when we are called upon we can serve our citizens in a proficient and professional manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas A. Rue, Sergeant
Dive Team Coordinator

TRAFFIC ARRESTS ANNUAL REPORT 2013

ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS	73
ANIMAL VIOLATIONS	39
REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS	297
OPERATOR'S LICENSE VIOLATIONS	573
INSURANCE VIOLATIONS	971
FAILURE TO OBEY OFFICER-SIGN/SIGNAL	12
OPERATING LEFT OF CENTER LINE	18
ILLEGAL PASSING/UNSAFE LANE DEVIATION	39
FOLLOW TOO CLOSE	16
FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY	45
UNSAFE TURN	17
VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL	10
FAILURE TO STOP/IMPROPER STOP AT STOP SIGN	42
SCHOOL BUS VIOLATIONS	7
PARKING VIOLATIONS	7
SPEEDING-IMPRUDENT/TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS/RECKLESS DRIVING	100
SPEED LIMIT VIOLATIONS	1554
OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS	107
OPERATING WITH A PROHIBITED ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION	78
HIT & RUN/FAILURE TO NOTIFY POLICE OF ACCIDENT	35
INATTENTIVE DRIVING	47
INTOXICANTS IN VEHICLE VIOLATIONS	26
EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	77
SEATBELT VIOLATIONS	133
TRUCK ENFORCEMENT	29
COUNTY ORDINANCES	149
MISCELLANEOUS VIOLATIONS	3

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Olson, Sergeant
Patrol Division

PATROL DIVISION STATISTICS ACTIVITY REPORT 2013

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION/REPORT MADE	948
WARRANT ATTEMPTS	859
FAMILY DISTURBANCES.....	256
TRANSPORTS/PERSONS	1023
MOTORIST ASSISTS	1783
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS REQUESTED.....	157
TRAFFIC CITATIONS.....	4258
MISCELLANEOUS CITATIONS - NON-TRAFFIC CO. ORD. VIOLATIONS.....	301
REPAIR NOTICES	522
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	3373
RESIDENCE CHECKS REQUESTED.....	69
COMPLAINT OF AUTO THEFT	32
MISSING PERSONS REPORTED/REPORTS MADE.....	76
PARK CHECKS	1273

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Olson, Sergeant

PATROL DIVISION REVENUES FOR 2013

JANUARY	\$20,212.62
FEBRUARY	\$31,978.38
MARCH	\$31,363.80
APRIL	\$24,469.38
MAY	\$25,463.53
JUNE	\$22,295.45
JULY	\$25,417.33
AUGUST	\$22,664.83
SEPTEMBER	\$19,440.47
OCTOBER	\$26,807.23
NOVEMBER	\$19,757.59
DECEMBER	\$21,505.61
GRAND TOTALS	\$291,376.22



JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The 2013 Jefferson County Fair ran from July 10th through July 14th. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office had a large presence during the fair, with staffing on the grounds 24 hours a day. They were assisted by Jefferson County Emergency Communications, Inc. (JCEC). The Sheriff's Office and JCEC members worked very closely with Jefferson EMS personnel to provide a safe and enjoyable experience at the fair.

Sheriff's Office personnel worked a total of 426.5 hours during the fair. The CARD grant which was used in previous years to help fund the cost for this coverage was discontinued. Therefore, the entire cost for law enforcement coverage had to be funded by the county.

The Sheriff's Office partnered with Fort Healthcare this year, and we joined them in their tent directly in front of the activity center to set up our display. This location proved a wonderful change from previous years, as we had a marked increase in visitors. DDR Insurance once again provided the supplies for the Child ID kits, and we were pleased to provide a large number of these kits to the families that came to see us. The K-9 Unit was a big hit again with families as they were on the grounds every day of the fair.

Deputies handled many types of complaints during the fair, with the most frequent being disorderly conduct/fights, lost or missing persons, alcohol violations, and crowd control. Saturday night had record crowds which stretched us to our limits

JCEC members assisted in all aspects once again this year, including security and communications. They provided us with their command post, which we used as our home base. They worked a total of 458 hours during this event. I once again want to thank the JCEC members for their dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Olson, Sergeant



TRAFFIC SAFETY STATISTICS ANNUAL REPORT 2013

There were a total of 948 traffic crashes handled by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in 2013, an increase of 65 accidents from 2012. Of those, there were a total of 147 injury accidents which is a decrease of 25 from 2012. A total of 65 Hit and Run crashes occurred last year, with six resulting in injury. Of the 2013 crash total, 278 were from striking deer which was 18 less than in 2012. A total of 196 persons were injured, 31 less than 2012. In 2013, there were 8 traffic fatalities in Jefferson County which is two more than 2012. One of the accidents was handled by the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Scheinkoenig, Sergeant

HONOR GUARD ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard is a specialty team within the department comprised of deputies from all divisions of the Sheriff's Office. The unit has a sergeant who acts as the supervisor and is in charge of the training and scheduling tasks of the unit.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard is a member of the Wisconsin Honor Guard Association. This organization is assembled with Honor Guard units from across the state. Its purpose is to train all the units in the state to the same standard. Once this standard is achieved, any team would be able to fill in to perform tasks at any department's request. Most of these units have been trained by members of the Washington D.C. Metro Honor Guard Team.

Once again, the Honor Guard made a number of appearances throughout the state in 2013, participating in parades, funerals, Tomorrow's Hope, and also the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremonies in both Jefferson and Madison. Although the Honor Guard did not appear at any Milwaukee Brewers games, we did successfully host our first 5K run/walk called the Sheriff Shuffle. This 5K was set up to help raise funds for the COPS organization (Concerns of Police Survivors). Of the funds raised through the Sheriff Shuffle, \$3,000 was earmarked for donation to the Wisconsin COPS chapter. In addition, \$2,000 was set aside to apply toward costs of sending more Honor Guard members to Washington D.C. during Police Week in the near future.

Finally, on May 17, 2014 the 2nd annual Sheriff Shuffle will be held at the Fort Atkinson Aquatic Center. Proceeds will again be donated to the COPS organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Hacht, Sergeant
Honor Guard Supervisor



SNOWMOBILE PATROL ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Snowmobile Patrol is supported by the Jefferson County Snowmobile Alliance and the Department of Natural Resources. Equipment is depreciated through the DNR to recoup the costs. Following each snowmobile season, a year-end report is submitted to the Department of Natural Resources. We then receive reimbursement for a portion of the cost to operate the snowmobile patrol.

At the time of this report the snowmobile season is still in swing. One of the most common complaints we receive in 2013 was that of sleds not staying on the trail. Violators may be issued for Trespassing if caught. We ask all snowmobilers to ride safely and to stay on the trails.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas A. Rue, Sergeant
Jefferson County Snowmobile Patrol

K-9 UNIT ANNUAL REPORT 2013

K-9 FALKOS / K-9 ELIE MAE - DEPUTY GREG JANSEN

K-9 MINK – DEPUTY SCOTT GUKICH

K-9 DEUCE/HARLOW – DEPUTY JASON BEHM

The K-9 unit had a difficult year in 2013 as we saw the passing of two of our dogs. K-9 Deuce, who was still actively working for us, passed away in August, and K-9 Ahron, who retired from our office in 2010, passed away in September. K-9 Deuce was replaced by K-9 Harlow, a Belgian Malinois/German Shepherd mix. He was purchased through Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania.

The Sheriff's Office K-9 unit is the most actively utilized of the specialty units within the Sheriff's Office, with narcotic detection being the main use. Narcotic detection searches may take place due to traffic stops, task force investigations, search warrants, or school searches. The unit also is used for evidence searches, tracking of suspects or missing persons, building searches, and to prevent escape. Besides working with our own department members, we assist all the local municipalities and the surrounding counties, the state patrol, and the Wisconsin prison system.

We continue to do many public demonstrations for schools, church groups, and community organizations. These demonstrations allow us to enhance community relations by explaining the workings of the unit, the benefit to the Sheriff's Office, and the benefits to the citizens of this county. The K-9 unit also greatly appreciates all the support that is received from citizens and local businesses throughout the year.

The handlers and K-9's go through a large amount of training every year, and they are all certified through the North American Police Work Dog Association. The teams must show a proficiency in obedience, article search, area search, building search, tracking, narcotic detection, and aggression control. The teams also train on their own as a unit at least twice a month, and attend other training sessions throughout the year.

We expect to see another active and successful year in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian T. Olson, Sergeant
K-9 Unit Supervisor

JAIL DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT 2013

This report is a testament to the hard work that the men and women assigned to this division do every day. I continue to be impressed with the dedication that these deputies show in what I have come to recognize as a very difficult environment.

In the past year, we continued to work on issues within the jail to make the day to day operations continue to flow smoothly while still maintaining the high standard of care and security this facility is known for. Once again in 2013 our facility received high marks from the state during our annual inspection.

In the following pages, my staff has put together a review of our year, including the addition of our new program/classification position. I am very excited about what we were able to do with that position and the projects that we started. I will continue this year to push for more education and programs for the inmates here who truly desire change. You will also see the number of people that were processed through our facility.

What you may not know is the amount of assistance the jail staff provides to other division of the Sheriff's Office. This includes assisting with transports to other facilities, responding to requests for assistance in the courthouse and assisting our communication center during severe weather or a major incidents. This year we have changed our procedure for weapons storage. This change will now allow the jail deputies quicker access to their weapons for a more rapid response to any emergency that may take place in the courthouse. My deputies continue to train for any rapid deployment that may be required. We live in a very volatile world, every day we read about another shooting. I will continue to train and equip the deputies to respond to any call for service within this facility and the courthouse.

In conclusion, let me say that I cannot speak highly enough of the men and women who serve the citizens of Jefferson County in this facility. They are some of the most caring and professional people that I have worked with in my 32 years in law enforcement. Their job is thankless and stressful, yet they report for duty every day to make sure that the citizens of this county are safe and secure. They will always have my respect and my support.

Respectfully Submitted
Paul Wallace, Captain
Jail Division Administrator



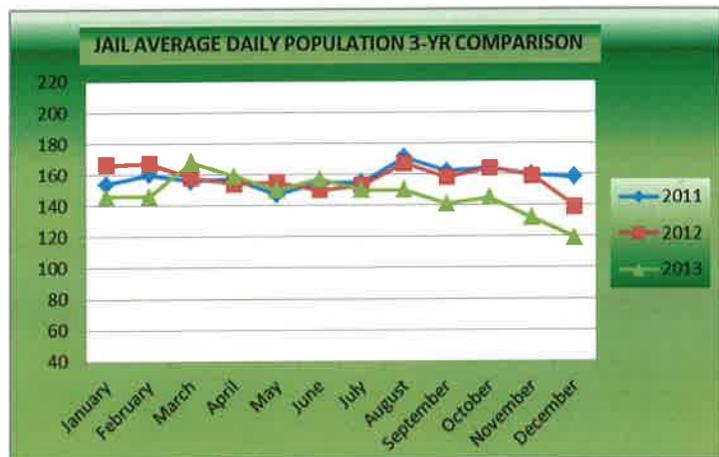
JAIL AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

10-YEAR AVERAGE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AVERAGE INMATES</u>
2004	173.8
2005	189
2006	183
2007	194
2008	195
2009	176
2010	143
2011	158
2012	158
2013	147

2013 BY MONTH / 3-YEAR COMPARISON

JANUARY	146	JULY	150
FEBRUARY	146	AUGUST	150
MARCH	168	SEPTEMBER	141
APRIL	159	OCTOBER	145
MAY	150	NOVEMBER	132
JUNE	157	DECEMBER	119



Respectfully submitted,
 Lisa Handrow, Sergeant
 Jail Division

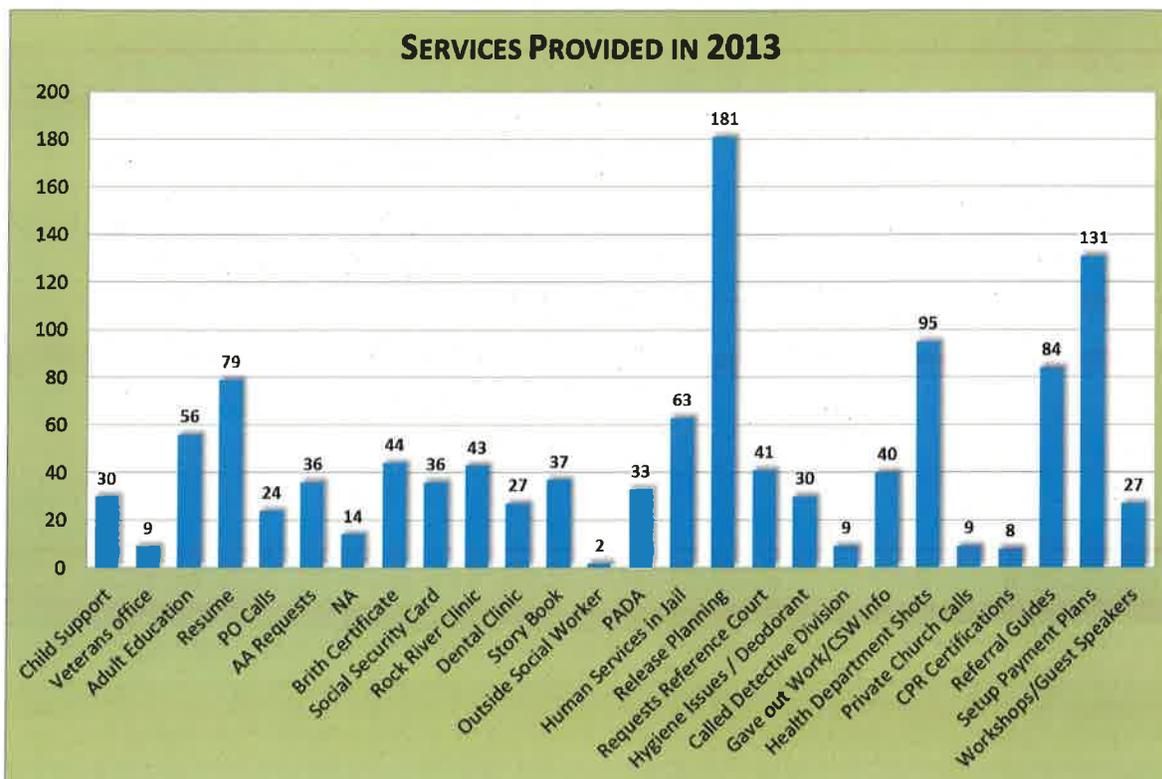
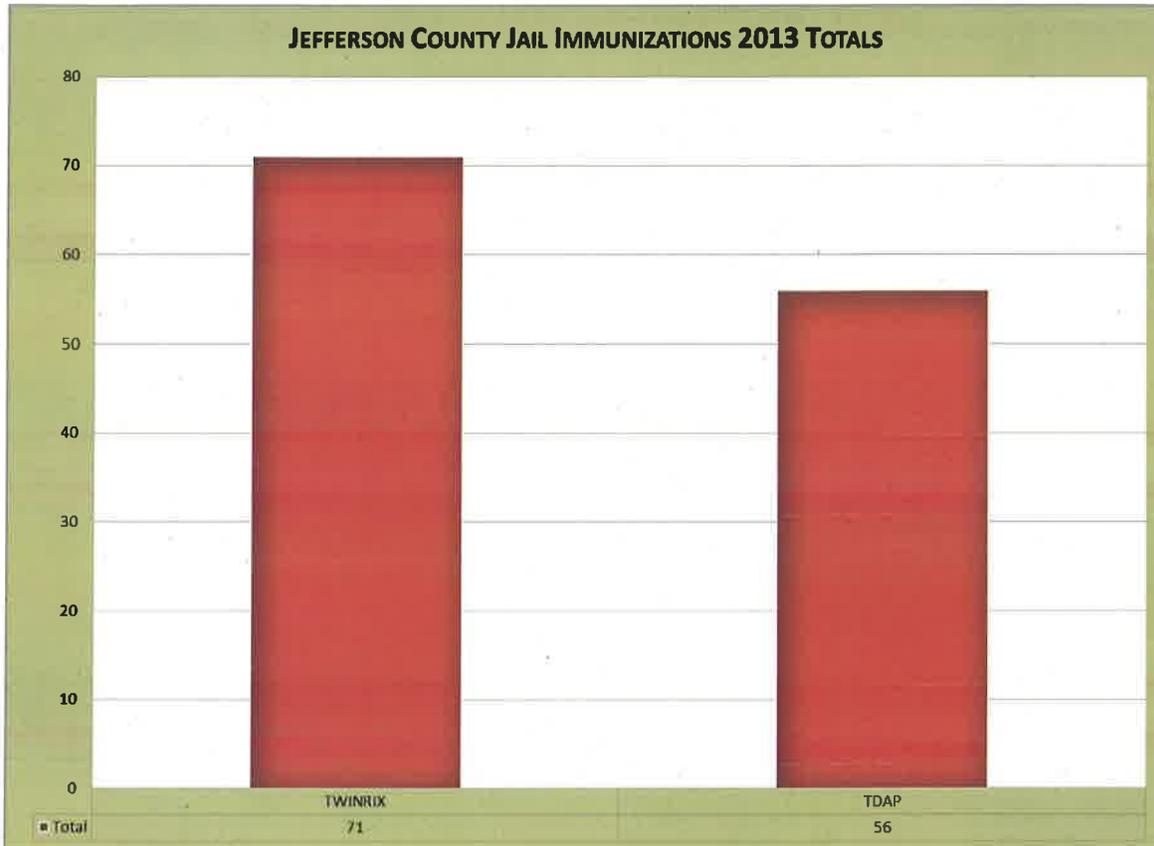
OFFENSES OF INMATES HELD IN JAIL 2013

OFFENSE	TOTAL
ARSON	0
BATTERY	22
BAIL JUMPING	37
BURGLARY	19
CHILD ABUSE	8
CONTRIB TO DEL OF MINOR	0
CRIM DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	10
CRIM TRES-DWELLING/LAND	6
DEFRAUD INKEEPER	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	62
DNR VIOLATONS	0
END SAFETY CON REG LIFE	16
ESCAPE	0
FORGERY	4
HOLDS-OTHER DEPT-WARRANTS	540
HOM INT USE VEH/WEAPON	0
HOM BY NEG USE VEH/WEAPON	1
INJ BY INT USE VEH WEAPON	0
INJ BY NEG USE VEH WEAPON	0
ISSUE OF WRTHLESS CHECKS	2
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2
MURDER	8
OAR/OAS	34
OWI	128
OTHER TRAF/NVDL/SPEED/ETC	34
PAT-NONSUPPORT/FAMILY OFF	7
PROB-PAROLE VIOLATIONS	570
STOLEN PROP-REC/POSS/CONC	4
RESIST/OBST-OFFICER	29
ROBBERY	3
SEX ASSAULT	10
SEX ASSAULT-CHILD	13
THEFT (INCLUDES RETAIL)	55
OTHER	269
OPERATE W/O CONSENT	0
WARRANTS-PREVIOUS CHGS	483
DOM ABUSE-BATTERY	8
DOM ABUSE-DC	21
DOM ABUSE-CDCP	6
DOM ABUSE-VIOL REST ORDER	10
DOM ABUSE-OTHER	1
UCSA-POSS CONT SUBSTANCE	50
UCSA-W/INT TO DELIVER	13
UCSA-DEL CONT SUBSTANCE	25
WEAPONS-CARRY CONC WEAPONS	3
WEAPONS-FELONY POSS	1
WEAPONS-RECKLESS USE	2
TOTAL	2,588
TOTAL	(2012)
TOTAL	(2013)
	2,519

Many inmates are booked into the jail for multiple charges. For the purpose of this report, only the most serious charge is counted for each inmate.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Handrow, Sergeant
Jail Division

INMATE IMMUNIZATIONS AND SERVICES PROVIDED 2013



INMATE PROGRAMS

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

After much planning, a new “program director” position was added to the jail division on January 1, 2013 and Deputy Tina Blake was selected for this position. Deputy Blake interviews each inmate processed into the jail. She sets up and coordinates jail programs which may include SMART recovery, Narcotics Anonymous, the Storybook program, community garden, Restorative Art project, exit interviews, and CPR, as well as coordinating guest speakers to come to the jail to give presentations on various topics. In 2013; eight inmates became American Heart CPR certified.

This year was full of many firsts within the jail with Narcotics Anonymous (NA) being one of them. The Jail has always offered Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) classes but over time it has been determined that more inmates need the services of NA. This class is held once a week and has been at full capacity since its inception.

In 2013 the Restorative Art project was also established. This project consisted of volunteer inmates who were artistic and wanted to give back to the community by designing and painting various items, including garden stakes, door decorations, graduation caps, crosses and fundraising banners/signs. These items are available to purchase at Tan-A-Latte and Wine and Roses. Proceeds are placed into an account at the Jefferson County Literacy Council and used to further fund jail programs. Total proceeds in 2013 were approximately \$250.00. Besides selling items, many were also made and donated directly to local charities such as the Caring for Carly benefit, Picnic in the Park, Garden of Hope (Wisconsin Dream Center), Tomorrow’s Hope, Jefferson County Human Services, Build a Dream 2 Club Challenge, Mad Pretzel Challenge, Gobble Wobble, and the Randy Schopen Foundation, among others.

After several years of discussion, the “Garden of Hope” community garden was planted last summer. Land was donated by a Jefferson County resident who wishes to see this program continue. She has offered even more resources for this coming spring. Many volunteers spent countless hours getting the garden off to a good start. Eight inmate volunteers went to the garden throughout the summer to work. At the same time, it was decided to plant a garden at the Sheriff’s Office and use the fresh produce in the jail kitchen. Both gardens were very successful. Produce that was not used in the kitchen was distributed to local food pantries, given to the volunteers for their families, or given out to single parent families, as well as various events that took place at the Wisconsin Dream Center. In 46 days, volunteers put in over 322 hours.

The Storybook program allowed for 35 children to receive a DVD from an incarcerated relative. Permission is first granted from the relative who is now caring for the child. The inmate then reads a storybook while being recorded. Both the book and recording are then given to the child. For those families living within our county, Deputy Blake personally delivers the books. For those living outside of Jefferson County, the funds from the Restorative Art project are used to mail the packages. This program is a way to keep those incarcerated close to their children while showing the children that contact with law enforcement can be positive.

The program coordinator assists inmates prior to their release in obtaining needed resources within our county (or surrounding counties) which not only helps them and their families, but also may help reduce the chances of them returning to jail. Deputy Blake works closely with the Wisconsin

Dream Center to provide these resources. Deputy Blake also works closely with the Veterans Office. Within the past 12 months she has assisted nine Veterans obtain services through the Jefferson County Veterans Office; all of whom have never received any type of prior services. In addition, 127 free vaccinations were given to inmates by the Jefferson County Health Department.

As previously mentioned, this position was newly appointed, yet has accomplished a lot in terms of services and assistance to inmates. The goal is to provide inmates with the tools they will need upon release to become more productive members of society, thus reducing recidivism and, most importantly, to help transition them back into a safer community; not only for them, but for all the citizens who live and work in Jefferson County.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Handrow, Sergeant



HUBER DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Huber Division consists of two deputies that serve as Huber Officers and one sergeant who oversees the program.

Inmates entering the jail facility with Huber privileges and having qualifying employment are charged \$17.42 (tax included) daily. Averaging 35 full time Huber inmates per day, Huber employment generated \$213,862.66 for the Sheriff's Office. Some inmates come into the jail working part-time, doing child care or attending post high school education. These inmates are charged \$17.42 a day for the days they leave the jail. In 2013, part time Huber inmates generated \$7,752.00 for the Sheriff's Office.

The Huber officer assisted approximately 40 inmates in obtaining gainful employment. Temporary agencies such as Terra Staffing Services, Manpower, Diversified Personnel Services, and Workforce Development were the primary agencies utilized for employment services for inmates. A majority of these inmates were placed with local factories and service industries: 25 inmates were placed through Diversified Personnel Services, 3 inmates were employed directly through Tyson Foods' hiring process, and 12 found employment through small local businesses. Inmates seeking employment were encouraged to work with the job skills coordinator at the Jefferson County Jail. The job skills coordinator assisted inmates with resumes, online job search, and basic educational skills. Inmates were given the opportunity to mail applications to businesses of his or her choice. Upon request, inmates were given applications for temporary staffing agencies.

The Huber Division has used Electronic Monitoring in cases involving special medical needs. Electronic Monitoring was not utilized during the 2013 calendar year. Jail deputies also conducted a total of 68 on-site Huber checks. Huber officers also conducted 72 job site checks via telephone call to inmate employers.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Brost, Sergeant
Huber Division

JAIL FOODSERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Meals Served

Approximately 169,800 meals were served to the jail population in 2013. This number includes Huber bag lunches. The jail kitchen also served/sold 350 meals to outside agencies for training, meetings, or other events.

Food/Operating Cost

The approximate total dollar amount spent on food for the Jefferson County Jail in 2013 was \$170,500.00. About \$52,500.00 of food product was carried over into 2014.

With the inventory carry over the cost averages about \$.70 per meal without labor/utilities. USDA Commodities have not been available for over 13 years.

The jail kitchen did receive donations worth over \$39,000.00 of bread, fresh, frozen, and canned items along with fruit, vegetables, meats and cheese from two local farms, a cheese packaging plant and a few other donors. We especially want to thank our donors for their generosity.

Labor Hours

The inmate CSW (Community Service Worker) program contributed 4,373 labor hours in 2013. This position hired out would cost the County over \$52,000 in wages.

As in past years, we continue to search for the best food purchase opportunities, taking advantage of quantity buys and donations whenever possible.

Improvements

The jail foodservice has earned its 5th straight sanitation award since being registered for a restaurant license. In addition, the jail kitchen consistently earns very high marks from the jail inspector as well as the nutritionist.

A 17' x 21' deep freeze was installed in the squad garage which gives the jail kitchen over 2,500 square feet of freezer space.

As our kitchen is licensed as a restaurant, we are able to handle large groups requiring food for an event.



Respectfully submitted,
Brian R. Nesthus, Foodservice Supervisor since 1995

JAIL MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Jefferson County Jail Ministry provides spiritual services to those incarcerated at the Jefferson County Jail. Clergy and lay persons from churches throughout Jefferson County provide these voluntary services. Four days a week community members enter the jail for worship services and Bible studies. These dedicated members are known to assist inmates before and after their release from jail.

The Jail Ministry Board is responsible for the oversight of jail ministry functions. Currently the board consists of Captain Paul Wallace and Sergeant Steven Ganser. Additional feedback is consistently requested, received, and welcome from all current Jefferson County Jail Ministry members.

The following churches shared their time and personnel by assisting us with weekly worship services and Bible studies in 2013.

Cambridge: Willerup United Methodist Church

Fort Atkinson: First Baptist Church, St. Vincent De Paul, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Friendship Baptist Church, Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

Jefferson: Calvary Baptist Church, St. Vincent De Paul, St. John's Lutheran Church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Rock River Assembly of God

Watertown: Ebenezer Moravian Church

Numerous other organizations, ministries and churches assisted in guiding those people incarcerated throughout the year.

I would like to recognize and give a special thank you to Pastor William Heine. He has been a great asset to the jail division. Many people looked forward to his weekly Saturday Bible Study service in the past 20 years. It will take multiple people to replace his years of service and dedication to the Jefferson County Jail Ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sergeant Steven J. Ganser



9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Jefferson County 9-1-1 Communications Center is a branch of the Patrol Division located within the Sheriff's Office. The 9-1-1 Center is comprised of nine full-time, four part-time dispatchers and one Communications Supervisor who also serves as the Information Technology Manager and radio technician for the Sheriff's Office. The Center is staffed 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, with a minimum of two dispatchers on duty at all times.



During the course of a normal shift, the dispatchers are responsible for answering over 20 phone lines and monitoring over 25 different radio channels. The 9-1-1 Center answers all non-emergency (administrative lines), emergency, landline 9-1-1, and Jefferson County is the only 9-1-1 communications center in the county to answer all the wireless (cell phone) 9-1-1 phone calls. Non-emergency and landline 9-1-1 calls from within the city limits of Watertown, Whitewater, and Fort Atkinson are answered by their respective 9-1-1 centers. Jefferson County is one of several answering points located throughout the state and nation for the National Warning Center System (NAWAS). This system is currently used for notifications of natural and technology disasters and also gives our 9-1-1 Center a direct line of communications to the National Weather Service during severe weather. The Jefferson County 9-1-1 Communications Center is responsible for dispatching 16 Emergency Medical Services (EMS), one paramedic intercept unit from Fort Hospital, 14 fire departments which are part of Wisconsin MABAS Division 118, the Jefferson County Level B HAZMAT Team, the Jefferson County EMS Mass Casualty Trailer and up to 22 different law enforcement agencies. They are also responsible for dispatching and notifying various specialized teams within the Sheriff's Office such as the Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT), SWAT Team, Dive Team and the Jefferson County Emergency Communications Group for any variety of incidents.

In 2013, the 9-1-1 Communications Center processed a total of 62,645 calls for service. These calls for service consisted of 5,902 for Emergency Medical Services (EMS); 5,180 for fire (including controlled burns reported to the Sheriff's Office); 18,440 for local police departments and other law enforcement agencies and 33,123 for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office alone. The Center also processed a total of 104,061 phone calls that consisted of 100,877 non-emergency phone calls; 3,184 emergency phone calls, 2,921 landline 9-1-1 phone calls, and 15,116 wireless 9-1-1 calls.

Along with answering phone calls and dispatching units, the dispatchers perform other duties as well. The Communications Center is responsible for maintaining all warrants, restraining orders, and injunctions issued by the Jefferson County Circuit Courts and other various municipal courts. These court documents are entered into the electronic databases of the Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Information Bureau (CIB), the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), our Records Management System (in-house computer



system referred to as CIS) and then filed in the Communications Center. Some dispatchers serve as validation officers who spend much of their shift double checking the entries after they are recorded and preform monthly validation checks on all the records to keep the information current and accurate. Most dispatchers have other duties as well. These duties include training new dispatchers, entering officer reports, maintaining accurate geographic files in our computer system, maintaining the 9-1-1 database, and making sure the schedule is filled.

A couple large projects that were started in 2012 were finished in 2013. The upgrade of our communication's system infrastructure which included more tower sites and upgraded equipment with additional features was completed. We also finished our WISCOM radio project by adding it to the state's fiber optic network. By 'tapping' into the state's fiber optic network this will now allow us to share information with the State Traffic Operation's Center in Milwaukee about any accidents or incidents occurring in Jefferson County. It will also give us the ability to view the Department of Transportation's cameras located along Interstate 94 to better monitor traffic flow.

The 9-1-1 Communications Center would like to thank the Law Enforcement Committee and other various committees and especially the County Board for their continued support to allow us to strive to make improvements and enhancements to provide the highest level of service that the citizens of Jefferson County expect and deserve.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Lindert, Communications Supervisor



JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Not only was 2013 another busy year for the Jefferson County Emergency Communications, Inc. (JCEC) organization, it was also a historic year. On the first day of the Jefferson County Fair, we debuted new uniforms for what we believe is the first time in the history of JCEC. Our new uniform colors feature silver-tan shirts and black slacks. Two new patches were designed for our shirts and caps to complete the updated look. The conversion process took place during the six months leading up to the fair and all of the JCEC volunteers were involved in making decisions. We are thankful for the suggestions and guidance provided by Sheriff Milbrath and his Command Staff. Keeping in mind that we are self funded, this update was accomplished at no cost to the taxpayers of Jefferson County.

Our volunteers were requested 16 times by the Sheriff's Office for traffic and crowd control at injury accidents or large fires. The Fort Atkinson Police Department asked for our assistance twice under similar circumstances. JCEC provided personnel at 32 scheduled events throughout the county including: marathons and bicycle fundraisers, community celebrations, parades, and several private and government events held at the Fair Park. Many of our scheduled event "customers" have requested us for years to promote public safety through security measures and the lawful flow of traffic and large crowds. The largest annual event that utilizes all of our personnel and training is the Jefferson County Fair. JCEC members provided 458 hours of service at the fair. Our Command Post vehicle became headquarters for more than just JCEC volunteers. The "bus" and our related radio equipment assisted sheriff's deputies, medical personnel, firefighters, and park staff with the safe and efficient operation of the fair.

JCEC continues to provide the support of our volunteers and equipment to the Sheriff's Office MAIT, SWAT, and Dive Teams. Specially trained JCEC members make up the Park Patrol detail which visits all of our county parks to discourage vandalism and lewd activity.

It is my honor to represent the dedicated and selfless volunteers of JCEC. I am very grateful for the recognition and support that JCEC receives from the Sheriff and members of the law enforcement community. We look forward to continuing our work with the deputies, officers, fire, and medical responders who protect the citizens of Jefferson County.

Respectfully submitted,
Lance Shanahan, President
Jefferson County Emergency Communications, Inc.





DETECTIVE DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT 2013



The general detective division is comprised of one administrative captain, one detective sergeant, six detectives, one full-time and one part-time secretary. 2013 was yet another year of growth and transition for the detective division. In April, Detective Travis Maze was promoted to the rank of Patrol sergeant. In September, Deputy Daniel Horvatin was promoted to the rank of detective. In December, Leigh Ann Scherer, resigned from her long held position as the detective secretary to assume a new role with the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, as their office manager. Leigh Ann had been with the detective division for over 17 years. Sheri Larson assumed her new position as the detective secretary in December.

Following are some of the notable investigations for 2013:

- March - The detective division re-opened the 1988 investigation into the drowning death of 8-year-old Artis Echols that happened at the Bark River Campground. In 1988 this death investigation was determined to be an accidental drowning. A number of witnesses were located and additional interviews were completed. Upon completion of those interviews, there was insufficient new information learned or evidence gathered to amend the original determination of accidental drowning.
- April - The detective division investigated a complaint involving the sexual assault of a child under the age of 13 that occurred in 2012. Mitchell Stiemke was arrested, charged and successfully prosecuted for this crime. Stiemke plead guilty to a charge of 1st Degree Child Sex Assault-Sexual Contact with Person under Age of 13 and was sentenced to 15 years with and initial confinement of five years in prison.
- July/August - The detective division received a new possible lead in the 1947 missing person complaint of 8-year-old Georgia Jean Weckler; who was reported missing On May 1, 1947. Investigations conducted at that time lead to the belief that Georgia had been abducted from her long country driveway; no remains have been located. New information provided to the Janesville Police Department was in regard to a possible burial site for human remains and the time-line was believed to be consistent with Georgia's disappearance. The detective division worked together with the Janesville Police Department and the Rock County Sheriff's Office to conduct a site excavation of the area, which took place over one week.
- October – The detective division was asked to take over a burglary investigation in the Village of Johnson Creek. A total of five residents reported that they had been burglarized. Benjamin Bates was arrested, charged and successfully prosecuted for this crime. In February of 2014, Bates plead guilty to 2 counts of Burglary and was sentenced to 6½ years with 2½ years of initial confinement in prison.

In 2013 the detective division again saw a rise in the number of property related complaints, especially residential burglaries. Heroin use and addictions are still fueling the increase in property

crimes. Criminals typically target money, prescription medications, jewelry and firearms, which are items that can usually be quickly converted into cash to purchase more heroin.

Identity thefts, property thefts, burglaries, domestic abuse and sexual assault incidents continue to comprise the majority of investigations handled by the detective division.

The Jefferson County Detective Division continues to maintain a high degree of standards and proficiency by having detectives attend a number of investigative schools regarding identity theft, fraud, arson, child abuse, evidence collection and processing, death investigations, computer voice stress analysis, identifying deceptive behavior, interview and interrogation and forensic analysis of cell phones and computers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald Hunter, Detective Sergeant
Detective Division



COMPUTER VOICE STRESS ANALYZER (CVSA) ANNUAL REPORT 2013

In 2013 JESO conducted three CVSA tests: two cases of sexual assault, and one burglary case. Arrests were ultimately made in one of the sexual assault cases and the burglary case. One additional CVSA test was started for another burglary case; however, due to an equipment problem, the test was not completed. The individual ultimately provided the necessary info needed for the investigation prior to another test being conducted. We also received requests from two outside agencies for four tests, and those tests were conducted – assisting the agencies in the completion of their investigations. The CVSA test is a voluntary test and consent is needed to conduct the test on an individual.

In many cases, the investigating detective merely suggested to the suspect the use of the CVSA test to confirm their statement and that was enough to convince a suspect that telling the truth would be beneficial to them. Suspects often admit giving deceptive answers and become honest without the test being administered.

The CVSA exam is designed to aid the investigating agency by determining a course of action after exhausting all other means of investigation. The CVSA continues to be a valuable asset in investigations for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, as well as other agencies. In past years such cases would have been uncharged due to lack of evidence or other information. The CVSA also aids investigators with case management by better utilizing the investigative time and energy with the elimination of possible suspects, thus allowing investigators to focus their time on other viable suspects involved in a case.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Behselich, Detective
CVSA Operator

DETECTIVE DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT 2013

		<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Juveniles referred		32	36
Adults referred		338	275
Citations issued by Detective Division	County Ordinance	8	3
	Traffic	8	3
Detective Initiated Incidents	ICAC	0	1
	JESO	118	136
Assigned Investigations		410	297
Items entered in Evidence System		2450	2116
Incidents of: (Patrol & Det Div)	Domestic Abuse	137	96
	Sexual Assault	58	47
	Battery	87	58
	Burglary	120	72
	Theft	230	250
	Fraud: Fraud-54, ID Theft-12, Worthless checks-0	98	66
	Arson	7	2
	Robbery	NA	2
	Missing Persons (Adults)	11	11
	Missing Persons (Juveniles)	39	35
	Death Investigations (non-traffic)	17	DET DIV 16 TOTAL 70
	Homicide (non-traffic) – including attempted	2	1
	Juvenile Investigations (as victim or offender)	140	DET DIV 91 TOTAL 154
	Assist Other Police Agency	92	87
	Criminal Damage to Property/Vandalism	26	DET DIV 17 TOTAL 139



EVIDENCE OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2013



In 2013, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Deputies submitted 2130 items of property from 617 cases for entry into the evidence system. Items placed into evidence range in size from hairs and fibers to motor vehicles.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office currently has four (4) detectives who fill the role of evidence officers. Two (2) evidence officers are assigned to maintain the evidence facilities at the sheriff's office and two (2) evidence officers are assigned to the Jefferson County Drug Task Force, maintaining the bulk of the drug evidence. The Drug Task Force is involved in search warrants, which typically involves the collection of large amounts of evidence that needs to be catalogued and processed. Evidence officers maintain a casework load in addition to their evidence duties; therefore the evidence room is only able to be maintained on a part-time basis.

Retired Detective Eric Brooks, who works part-time for the sheriff's office, assumed a new role of helping to maintain the evidence room. He will be able to assist the other evidence officers, which will free them up to work on their other assigned cases. Two Evidence Officers are also responsible for processing evidence from crime scenes that Deputies have collected. On major crime scenes, evidence officers will be utilized to process the crime scene. They will use their additional training to look for latent fingerprints, collect blood or other biological evidence, cast tool marks or footwear impressions and document the evidence at the crime scenes through photography and sketches.

Evidence officers are responsible for maintaining the evidence rooms, transporting evidence to and from the State Crime Laboratories in Madison and Milwaukee and facilitating the chain of custody of evidence for court proceedings. The State Crime Lab in Madison is the primary Crime Lab used by the Sheriff's Office for evidence that needs to be analyzed. Evidence officers also handle the disposition of items which no longer have any evidentiary value, including returning items to the owner, preparing items for auction and destruction of items.

Respectfully submitted,
Detective Sergeant Donald C. Hunter
Detective Division

Man's mind, once
STRETCHED
by a new idea,
never regains its original
DIMENSIONS

JEFFERSON COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Jefferson County Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional agency comprised of local police departments including Fort Atkinson PD, Jefferson PD, Johnson Creek PD, Lake Mills PD, Palmyra PD, Town of Lake Mills PD, Town of Oakland PD, Waterloo PD, Watertown PD, the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office acts as the lead agency for the Jefferson County Drug Task Force, providing two full time detectives and a detective sergeant, who acts as the project director and oversees the day to day operations of the unit.

The Task Force, for the ninth year, affiliates with Dodge County, Kenosha County, Racine County and Walworth County to form the South East Area Drug Operations Group, (S.E.A.D.O.G.) This merger came about at the request of the Office of Justice Assistance which monitors and distributes the Byrne Grant funds for the State of Wisconsin. The merger continues to enhance our operations by networking with these jurisdictions and sharing of information and resources. It also makes our group the largest multi agency drug unit in Wisconsin.

The Jefferson County Drug Task Force initiated and/or assisted with investigations of 801 cases during 2013; a decrease of four cases from 2012. Of these investigations, 354 were cleared by either a citation or an arrest. These investigations resulted in 212 criminal charges being referred to the District Attorney's office. Of these charges, 130 were charged as felony cases and 82 were charged as misdemeanor offenses. In addition, the Task Force issued 237 municipal/ordinance citations against suspects throughout the year; this is a decrease of 72 citations from 2012. The Jefferson County Drug Task Force assisted in 18 cases initiated by other agencies outside of the Jefferson County borders.

For the 24th year, the Task Force participated in the Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Enforcement (CEASE) program sponsored by the State of Wisconsin. Through this program we are able to receive funding for supplies and other related items while working in this capacity. In addition to eradication of wild marijuana plants, the Jefferson County Drug Task Force investigated one cultivated grows.

The Task Force continues to focus on the growing trend of the sale and use of opiates and heroin within Jefferson County. In 2013, most of the cases investigated involved the sale of prescription medications and heroin. In fact, by the middle of 2013, Task Force records showed the seizure of opioid medications and heroin were near or had surpassed the end of year totals from 2012. This increased heroin trend is still being seen statewide and efforts are being ramped up to try and combat the availability of Heroin across the state and in Jefferson County.

The Task Force continues to seize vehicles and other assets that are involved in the drug trade when available. For the year 2013 the Task Force filed Forfeiture documents in 12 separate cases; both at the Federal and at the State level. The Task Force was able to seize approximately \$59,649.00 worth of property or U.S. Currency which is either used for Task Force operations or deposited in the State of Wisconsin School fund as per State Statutes.

During 2013, drug informational talks to the community continued with Task Force personnel or representatives conducting different types of presentations to the citizens of Jefferson County. These types of talks and activities have been very rewarding and productive. The citizens of our communities have been very appreciative of our efforts to decrease the drug traffic in their local areas.

Our membership with the Wisconsin Narcotics Officers Association greatly increased our contacts throughout the entire State. Our attendance at the annual conference and regional training seminars not only builds on our educational backgrounds but also enables us to network with the drug task force operations throughout the entire state. In addition, Task Force Officers have made it a point to seek out free training opportunities to continue to develop their educational background and to keep up with the changing trends within the drug communities.

The Task Force anticipates continuing to be proactive and effective with the resources that we have. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Margareta A. Gray, Detective Sergeant
Project Director, Jefferson County Drug Task Force



THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ANNUAL REPORT 2013

In the fall of 2013, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office began to use social media to improve communication with citizens, media, and other law enforcement agencies. Captain Jerry Haferman and Communications Operator Megan Kellner created a Facebook page for the Sheriff's Office and keep the page active by posting information on a regular basis. We had over 1,000 "likes" the first few days the Facebook page was activated.

Benefits the Sheriff's Office has seen in the first six months of utilizing Facebook have been unbelievable. Our Facebook page has been viewed over 100,000 times in 45 countries. It has helped solve crimes; one example is a theft in the City of Jefferson. A picture of a suspect in a theft complaint was posted on our Facebook page asking for help identifying the suspect. The picture was viewed 10,000 times and shared by 180 viewers. A citizen in another county recognized the suspect as someone that lived close to her. She contacted the Sheriff's Office, positively identified the suspect, and the suspect was eventually taken into custody for not only our case, but for thefts in other jurisdictions.

Weather conditions, scam alerts, criminal activity, press releases, and Sheriff's Office personnel highlights are a few examples of information shared. The benefits that we have received and the information we are able to share with citizens so effectively and efficiently is worth the time and energy it takes to keep our Facebook page so successful.

If you haven't already done so, please "like" us on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Haferman, Captain

SUPPORT SERVICES

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Support Services Division continues to be responsible for Civil Process, Courthouse Security, and Transports. The staff for the Support Services Division consists of one sergeant, four full time deputies and seven part time deputies. This amount of staff allowed the security station to be staffed approximately 100% of the time during normal business hours.

Because the front security station was staffed on a regular basis throughout 2013, the number of weapons confiscated declined. Citizens within Jefferson County, as well as outside the county, have become accustomed to the security station being staffed on a regular basis which, in turn, has caused people to think before coming to the courthouse with weapons.

Attempts to bring weapons into the courthouse continue to be a problem; however, the criminal act that deputies at the front security station see more frequently is intoxicated persons entering the building to make court appearances. Deputies are able to detect the smell of intoxicants and the person is then given a preliminary breath test. If there is a positive result for alcohol, that individual is then arrested for bail jumping, for violating their court order, and sometimes charged with driving while intoxicated if they transported themselves to the courthouse. The deputies and the front security station equipment have proven successful in an overall proactive approach to stop or resolve a situation before it becomes a major security issue.

In 2013, the Sheriff's Office continued to work jointly with other employees within the county on training and security measures in order to enhance employee awareness and create a safe work environment for all employees of Jefferson County. Listed below are the statistics we posted in the courthouse during 2013:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
➤ Arrests:	179	195	119
➤ Juries:	26	23	22
➤ Pages/Requests for Deputy:	492	325	315

Transports continue to go well as we use all available resources in order to reduce costs. This includes using patrol and jail deputies to assist with transports as well as other on-duty personnel, including part-time deputies. Support Services completed 354 transports in 2013. The implementation of video conferencing in the courthouse and jail in 2011 saved the Sheriff's Office from having to do an additional 101 transports from mental health facilities from throughout the state. Mental health facilities such as St. Agnes have realized the cost savings with video conferencing equipment and have added the equipment to their facilities.

We look forward to continuing the high level of security and assistance to the staff and visitors of the Jefferson County Courthouse in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharee Behm, Sergeant
Support Services Division

CIVIL PROCESS ANNUAL REPORT 2013

The Civil Process Division received 2,190 documents during 2013, served 2,019 documents, executed 103 Writs, scheduled 304 Foreclosure Sales and returned 46 documents at the Plaintiff's request, prior to making service.

Of the 103 Writs executed; 8 were Writs of Replevin, 44 were Writs of Restitution, 2 were Writs of Execution Against Property, and 49 were Writs of Assistance. In 90 of the Writs of Restitution & Assistance cases, the defendant(s) complied with the Sheriff's Order to Vacate, and in the other three cases the Civil Process Division had to physically remove the defendant's property. In the cases of the Writs of Execution Against Property, one was returned unsatisfied and one was partially satisfied.

The 304 Foreclosure Sales required the Civil Process Division to post 608 sale notices.

Invoices generated by the Civil Process Division totaled \$116,546.95. Ledger entry payments totaled \$27,981.00 and other monies received for service fees totaled \$87,520.44.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharee Behm, Sergeant
Support Services Division



2013 FULL-TIME SWORN OFFICERS

Sheriff Paul S. Milbrath

Chief Deputy Jeffrey A. Parker – Undersheriff Kevin F. Stapleton
 Captain Duane Scott, Captain Jerry Haferman, Captain Paul Wallace

Sergeants: (Patrol) Matthew Miller, Leon Groshek, Tom Rue, Brian Olson, Rob Scheinkoenig, Travis Maze;
 (Detective) Don Hunter, Margareta Gray; (Jail) Lisa Handrow, Kevin Brost, Jason Hacht, Heather Novotny,
 Steve Ganser, Jeff Galbraith; (Support Services) Sharee Brost

Sheriff Department Deputies as follows:

Michael Meyers	Vaughn Johnson	Timothy Steinbach
Robert Hall	Duane Amacher	Matthew Wolff
Robert Meyer	Paul Schultz	Ryan McIntyre
Randal Podratz	Joann Schwab	Nina Beckett
Bruce Gondert	Dennis Griffee	Matthew Kanters
Mark Miller	Scott Yambor	Adam Thayer
Lori Hogan	Chad Garcia	Adam Kleist
Michael Gosh	Jason Hacht	Eli Wiedenfeld
Joseph Seidel	Rebecca Owen	Eric Heine
Scott Gukich	Ole Olson	Amy Heggie
David Drayna	Jeffrey Galbraith	Vanessa Garcia
Teri Wegner	Travis Maze	William Johnson
Kevin Kellogg	Scott Bondurant	Bryan Wallace
Scott Scheele	Heather Larson	James Gesbeck
Michael Cherti	Jay Leonard	Kyle VandeZande
Michael Williams	Dale Punzel	Daniel McGonagil
Leah Meyer	Timothy Behselich	Hans Naker
Gregory Jansen	Kevin Doebereiner	Alison Walker
Tina Blake	Steven Schroeder	Meloney Thorman
Susan Yackels	Peter Betanski	Jeremy Franke
Kenneth Tennies	Daniel Horvatin	Amanda Bowman
Darin DeNucci	Thomas Klemke	Mitchell Karleski
Alan Brawders	Bradley Riesen	Yvette Turner
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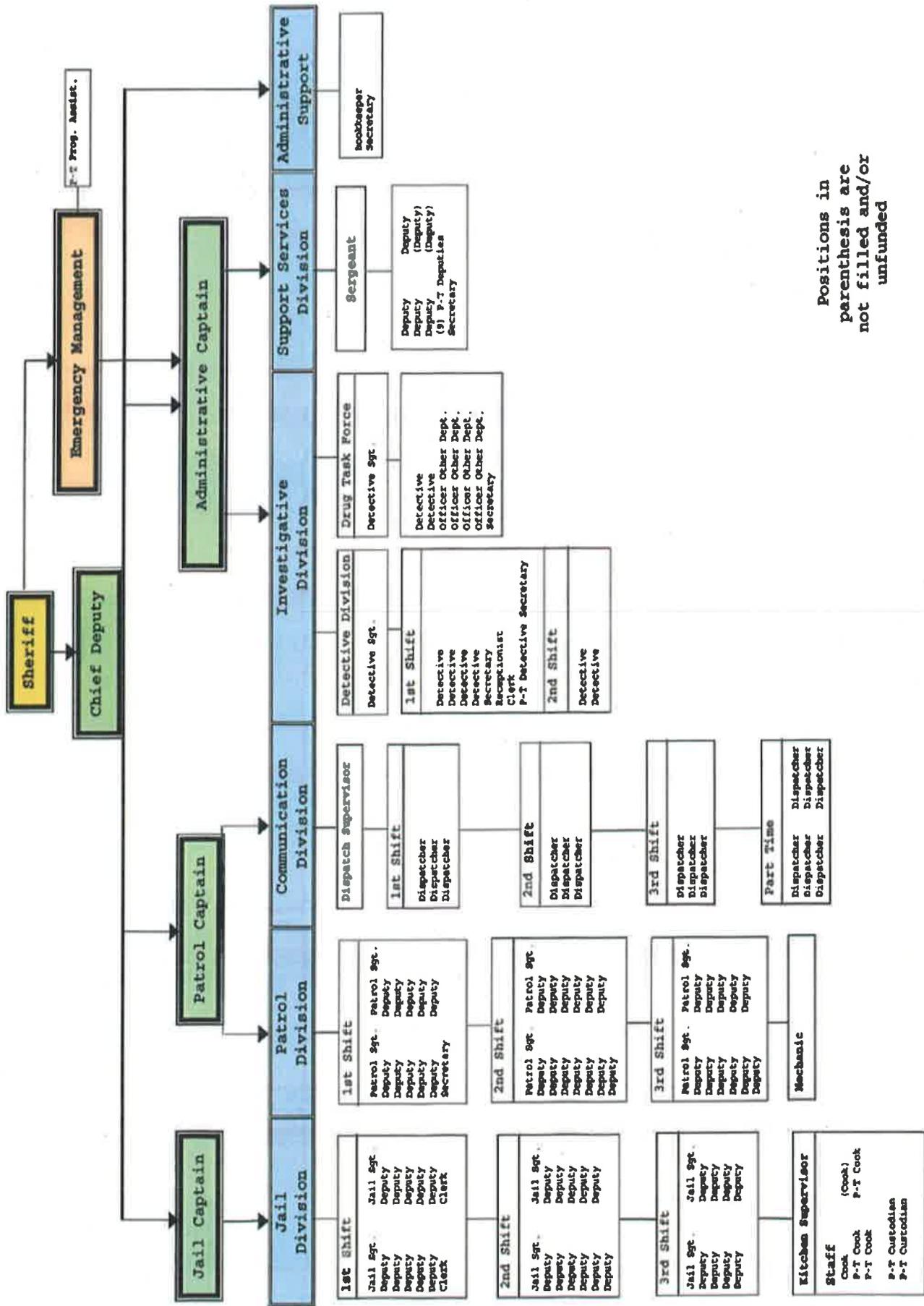
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Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$107,589.26 in July 2010 for the purchase of 18 propane vehicle conversions and \$37,126.15 to upgrade its existing propane fueling pump.



Jefferson County's propane station, located at the Highway Department

The conversion kits purchased were manufactured by IMPCO and were installed in 13 Ford Crown Victorias and five Chevrolet Tahoes by the county's maintenance manager, Randy Frohmader. Frohmader received training on the installation and maintenance of the vehicles at a training course in Michigan and can complete a conversion in two days.

The upgrade on the fueling station, located at the Jefferson County Highway Department, occurred in the winter of 2011. The county also built a shelter over the unit to protect the pump and to make it more convenient for employees to fuel.

In the summer of 2011 propane was being sold at \$0.97-0.99 per GGE. According to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, if six squad cars used 10 gallons of fuel per shift, with three shifts a day for 365 days a year, the county would save over \$100,000 each year in fuel costs alone. With 18 propane cruisers and current gasoline prices, the office is expecting to save taxpayers \$120,000 a year by using propane.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has been a happy proponent of propane since it started using the fuel in the 1970s. Propane does not affect the power of the vehicle and the vehicles get 13 to 14 mpg with a range of 160 to 170 miles, which officers usually do not go over in a shift. Since the beginning of the program to December 2012, the Sheriff's Office has driven 695,960 miles with the converted police squads and displaced 61,617 gallons of petroleum. According to Sheriff Paul Milbrath, "The bottom line is our mechanic's maintenance time is way down, it's a safe fuel, and it's cost effective."

Additionally, they are saving on maintenance costs. Frohmader, the

vehicles' mechanic, changes the oil after every 7,000 miles. When the oil is changed, it is clean and the waste oil is given to the county's Parks Department for a heater in its garage. As a result, it has reduced the amount of time Frohmader has to spend maintaining the vehicles.



One of Jefferson County Sheriff Office's Chevrolet Tahoe propane police cruisers

The propane vehicles are much safer than gasoline vehicles due to their tanks being 20 times more puncture-resistant than gasoline tanks and propane having a very narrow flammability range. According to Milbrath, following a crash of one of the cruisers that resulted in a down power line pole, "It was much safer than if that would have been gasoline pouring all over with those sparks."

Due to a two year life of sheriff cruisers, the county sells the vehicles to other Jefferson County Departments to also enjoy the fuel savings. For example the Sheriff's Department sold two Propane Ford Crown Victorias to the county's Human Services Department, who has since saved \$60,000-80,000 by using the vehicles.

In general, switching to propane will reduce the amount of trunk space available in a vehicle due to the tank storage. However, the Sheriff's Office prevented this from being an issue by constructing a customized storage box put over the tank in its Chevrolet Tahoes. Not only does the compartment hide the propane tanks, but it allows the vehicle to hold all the necessary emergency equipment.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Fleet Type: Law enforcement

Award: \$144,715.41.00

Technology: Propane

Vehicle(s): 5 propane Chevrolet Tahoes, 13 propane Ford Crown Victorias

Infrastructure: 1 propane fueling station

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Power in propane

Alternative fuels include an oft-overlooked barbecue favorite

By Derek Prall, assistant editor



“Alternative energy” usually brings to mind images of vast solar panel arrays and slowly spinning wind turbines

rarely is propane, the gas that heats up backyard barbecues, included in the list.

But maybe it should be.

The Jefferson County, Wis., Sheriff's Department has been using propane autogas, the name given to propane used as automotive fuel, for nearly

30 years. Jefferson County Sheriff Paul Milbrath has no complaints.

“If you're looking at long-term savings and long-term environmental returns, it doesn't get better,” he said.

After switching to save money on gasoline storage fees in the 1970s, Milbrath estimates the department now saves around \$200,000 a year by running the fleet on propane. The numbers, Milbrath feels, speak for themselves.

The cost of converting a cruiser to the bi-fuel (running both gasoline and propane), is around \$7,000, according to Milbrath. With federal rebates, propane costs about 56 cents per gallon. With a savings of approximately two dollars per gallon on fuel, Milbrath estimates the initial cost of conversion is recovered in 3,500 miles.

“In economic times like this, governments need to be on the cutting edge of saving money,” he said, adding, “Going green, for me, also means how much green is left in my budget.”

Since propane burns hotter and cleaner

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department has been using propane to fuel its vehicles for 30 years.



than gas, Milbrath said his maintenance costs are down as well. "We aren't having to change the oil as much, we aren't having to replace filters," he said.

When asked why he thought other departments have not yet embraced propane, Milbrath suggested that people are simply hesitant to change. "It may be because they've just never done it before," he said.

Initial start up costs may also be a factor, but Milbrath reiterated how quickly propane systems pay for themselves and said that, with federal Clean City Grants available, "there is a lot of money out there for people looking to switch to propane."

"I really believe in this program," Milbrath stated. "If you are pro-savings or pro-environment, this is a way to be both."

Omaha, Neb., will also soon be adding propane to its school bus fleet.

Ron Halley, vice president of Student Transportation of America (STA), the organization contracted to provide two Omaha school districts with 534 school buses, feels the use of autogas is a step in the right direction financially and environmentally. 435 of Omaha's new busses will be powered by propane.

As a nation, "we are a little behind the times when it comes to the use of propane," said Halley. He explained that more than 17 million vehicles worldwide run on propane, and globally, it is the third most popular fuel behind gasoline and diesel.

"It is readily available, the price is stable and the technology for its use is already there," he said. "It burns hot, it burns clean, and drastically reduces emissions."

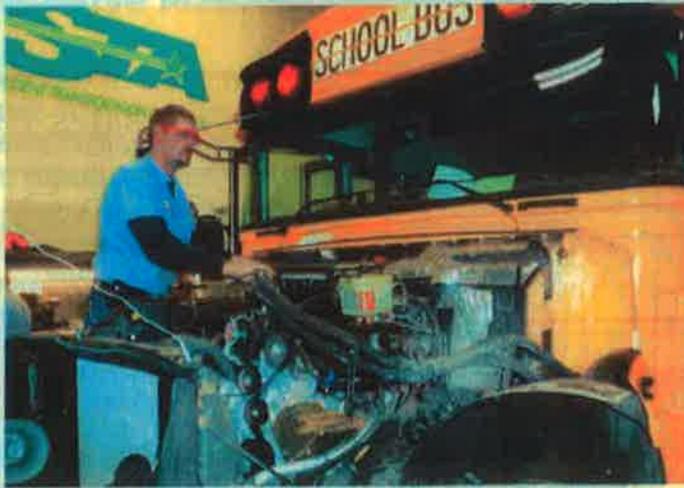
The reduction of emission is important to Halley, who related that buses provided by STA transport 600,000 children a day.

"You have to understand what works - what your customers want, and for our needs, propane is a very good choice," Halley said.

Columbus, Ohio, is also gassing up with propane. Last winter Columbus added 14 propane vapor-fueled mowers to its fleet, which started mowing in April.

As part of Columbus' greater Green Fleet Action Plan, the mowers fit in with the city's push to "reduce emissions, reduce dependency on petroleum and lead by example," according to Bill Burns, fleet operations manager.

Burns said that since propane burns cleaner and safer than fossil fuels, it was a



Propane fuels many types of vehicles, from school buses to lawn mowers.

natural choice for their green initiative.

While in the bidding processes for the new mowers, Burns learned of the Propane Education and Research Council's (PERC) Propane Mower Incentive Program, which offers a \$1,000 rebate for propane-fueled mowers.

Burns said the city put out a service bid for a propane provider to supply the gas and necessary equipment to run its mowers. With the price of the equipment factored into the price per gallon of fuel, Burns reported he was paying \$2.32 per gallon, compared to the approximate \$3.50 per gallon of gasoline in Columbus.

"Propane is cheaper and cleaner. We don't have to worry about pilferage or evaporation. It's safer for our operators, and for our citizens," Burns said.

Other cities experimenting with propane include Portland Ore., which runs nearly 80 percent of its school buses on autogas. Dallas, Texas, runs eight propane-fueled mowers with an on-site propane refueling station. Flint, Mich., has the largest propane autogas-fueled public transit system for paratransit in the nation according to PERC.

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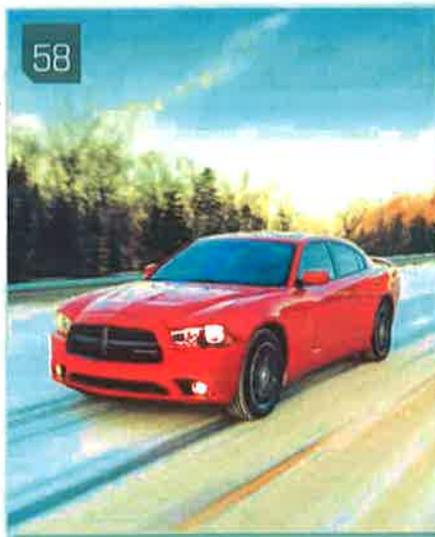
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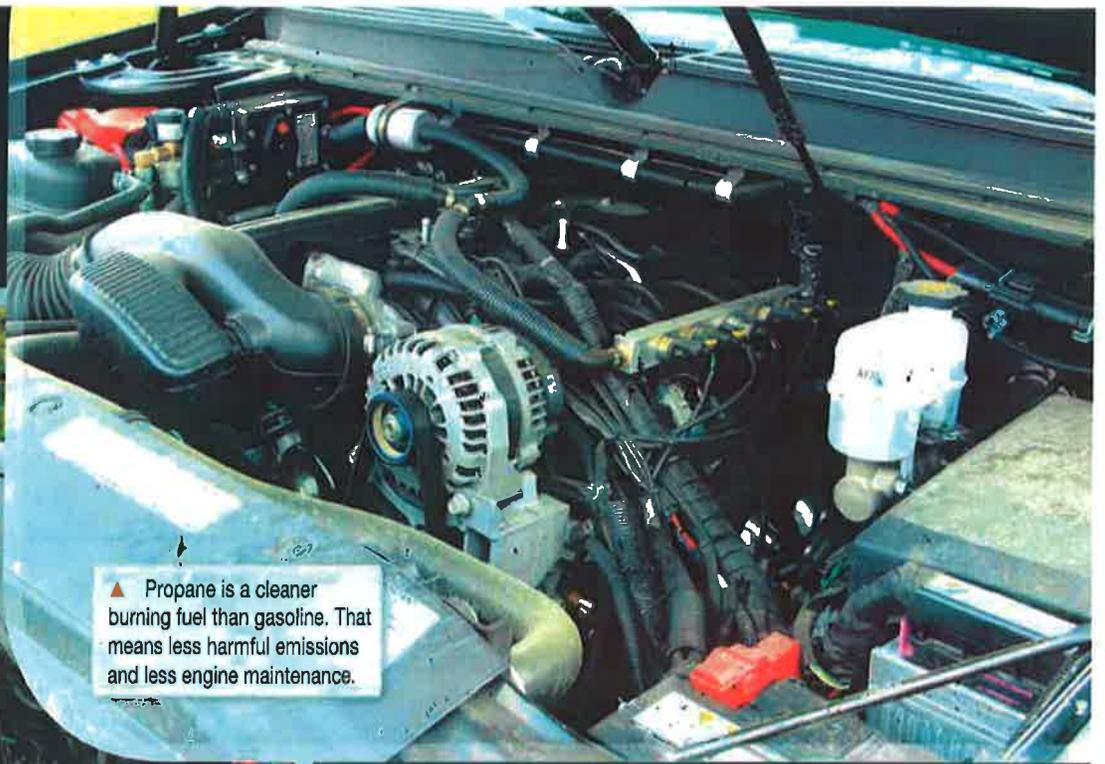
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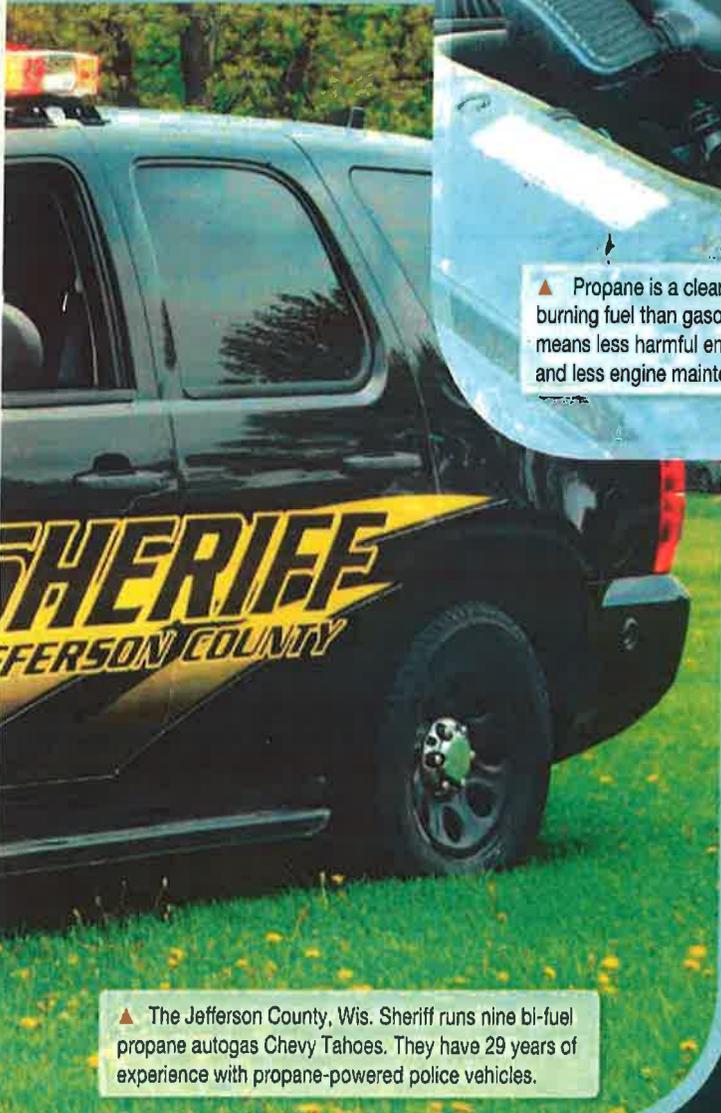
WISCONSIN SHERIFF SUCCESSFUL WITH PROPANE

Jefferson County saves \$120,000 on fuel each year.

BY MELISSA DOHMEN



▲ Propane is a cleaner burning fuel than gasoline. That means less harmful emissions and less engine maintenance.



▲ The Jefferson County, Wis. Sheriff runs nine bi-fuel propane autogas Chevy Tahoes. They have 29 years of experience with propane-powered police vehicles.

and operates 21 bi-fuel vehicles: nine Chevy Tahoe SUVs and 12 Ford CVPI sedans.

"If it could have been done wrong over the years, we did it," Jefferson County Sheriff Paul Milbrath said. "But we learned, tried new things, and today operate almost exclusively on propane autogas with a bi-fuel system that runs gasoline as a backup."

Cost Savings

According to Sheriff Milbrath, Jefferson County patrol cars log a minimum of 85,000 miles in a typical year and chart equivalent mileage per gallon compared to gasoline. Figure in the current price per gallon with propane autogas, and the savings on a high-mileage fleet can add up quickly.

"Dollar for dollar, I'm still paying less than one-third the price per gallon of gasoline with propane autogas," Sheriff Milbrath said. "Combined with my alternative fuel rebate, those cost savings are hard to ignore."

The department reports saving approximately \$10,000 a year per car on its 12 Crown Victoria sedans for a total \$120,000 in annual fuel savings. Even with the up-front cost to convert vehicles to bi-fuel, the fuel savings make an enormous impact on the department's bottom line.

"People say, 'Oh, the initial expense,'" Sheriff Milbrath said. "But the system we're using now is about \$7,000 per unit. So all I need to drive is about 4,000 miles to pay for the difference, and we'll easily do that in a month or less. It pays for itself just in gasoline savings alone."

The department also saves money on maintenance and improved performance with propane autogas. "You don't have carbon deposits because it's such a clean fuel, so we actually have less maintenance," Sheriff Milbrath said. "The other plus with propane is it's a hotter burning fuel, so we actually have additional horsepower coming through, too."

Since 1836, the Jefferson County, Wis. Sheriff's Department has protected and served the residents in and around the county seat of Jefferson, located midway between Milwaukee and Madison. A full-service law enforcement agency, the sheriff's department employs 145 full-time staff in patrol, jail, investigative, communications, and support divisions.

When rising gasoline prices initiated political infighting in 1984, the sheriff's department converted its first patrol fleet to propane autogas to stabilize its fuel budget and reduce expenses. Over the last 29 years, the department's propane autogas fleet has evolved along with technology, and today the department owns

Feedback

The department's 29-year history with propane autogas has made it a resource on alternative fuels for other law enforcement agencies looking to save money and convert vehicles. "I'm getting calls from departments in Illinois, Minnesota, and Michigan, about running propane autogas and they want to know what the problems or downsides are," Sheriff Milbrath said. "Honestly, I can't give them one. It's just misconceptions that hold people back."

When addressing fuel or performance concerns with propane autogas among colleagues, Sheriff Milbrath often points to positive deputy feedback as one of the fuel's benefits.

"The deputies don't complain about propane autogas, especially with the new low-

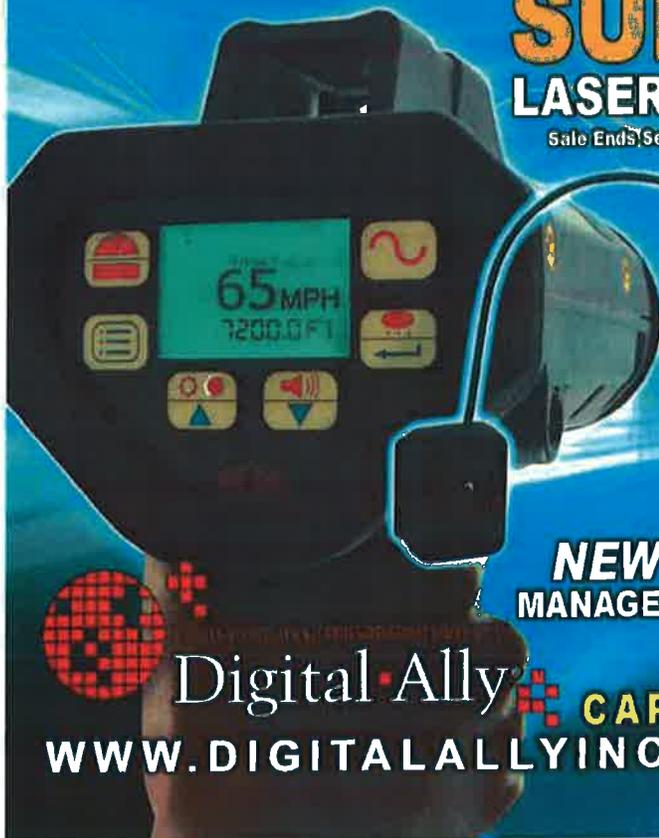


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► The Jefferson County, Wis. Sheriff runs 12 bi-fuel propane autogas Ford CVPIs. Patrol cars log 85,000 miles per year.

pressure systems,” he said. “Fueling is not any different than going to a gasoline pump. It is such a smooth operating system that my guys cannot tell you when the system changes over.”

As for safety concerns, Sheriff Milbrath has an answer for that, too. “My brother has been in the propane business for 40 years, so I don’t have these unfounded fears,” he said. “Most people just don’t know that propane is as safe as gasoline, and the fuel tanks are at least 20

times stronger.” That feature was put to the test three years ago when a car struck a deputy’s propane tank at 60 miles per hour. The tank never punctured or leaked, and the deputy walked away unharmed.

Sustainability

Propane’s low-emission profile has helped the department significantly reduce its carbon footprint. Fewer greenhouse gas and CO2 emissions reduce negative health effects from time spent idling at traffic stops, accidents, and crime scenes. Still, it’s propane autogas’ other “green” benefits that have the greatest impact on the department.

“The bottom line is that green is a great thing,” Milbrath said. “But with today’s tough economic times and with budgetary issues, it’s difficult. If I went back to gasoline, I would have to lay off staff. That’s the bottom line.”

The department’s propane autogas fleet qualifies for state and federal grants from organizations like Wisconsin Clean Cities, which awarded the department a \$25,000 alternative fuel grant in 2011. Tax credits from the federal American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 can cover up to 30 percent of infrastructure costs and save the department an extra \$0.50 per gallon on fuel.

Additionally, by recycling older bi-fuel vehicles to other divisions, the department has reduced the environmental footprint of Jefferson County’s larger government system.

“We’ve started recycling our high-mileage vehicles, and Human Services actually uses our old systems as company cars to save money now, too,” Sheriff Milbrath said. “Once we showed them how to refuel and how simple it was, they loved it.”

To learn more about propane autogas-fueled fleets, visit the Propane Education & Research Council website. For more information about the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, visit their website.

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▲ The Jefferson County, Wis. Sheriff’s Department saves \$10,000 a year on every vehicle powered by propane.


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