



SHERIFF DALE SCHMIDT



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Dale J. Schmidt Sheriff | Chad Enright Chief Deputy

To the Citizens of Dodge County, Wisconsin:

Thank you for taking the time to read the 2025 Dodge County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. This year's cover focused on "Giving Back to the Community" highlights something that truly defines our agency—our commitment to giving back to the community we serve. The men and women of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office do more than enforce the law; they work every day to make Dodge County a better place for all.

Throughout 2025, our staff dedicated time and energy to programs that support families, children, and those in need. From delivering backpacks to local schools, to volunteering at Culver's to raise funds for the Police Lights of Christmas initiative, our team has shown that service extends far beyond the badge. Those funds help us provide assistance to community members during the holiday season, ensuring that no one is forgotten.



Our deputies also annually participate in Shop with a Cop, donate toys through the Dodge County Toy Bank, and provide hats and mittens to schools across the county. These efforts reflect the heart of our mission: building trust, fostering relationships, and making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve. The programs highlighted here are only a fraction of the community involvement our staff engages in throughout the year. Every day, our employees find ways to connect with and support the people of Dodge County.

We could not accomplish these programs without the generosity of local businesses and volunteers who partner with us to make these initiatives possible. Their support demonstrates the strength of our community and the shared commitment to helping those in need.

While these community programs are a highlight, they represent only a portion of the work our staff performs every day. Whether responding to emergencies, investigating crimes, or engaging in outreach, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office remains committed to professionalism, compassion, and excellence.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is a full-service law enforcement agency, providing patrol, investigations, jail operations, emergency communications, and specialized units to serve the needs of our residents and visitors. Our vision is to partner with the community and develop proactive solutions that make Dodge County a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and visit. Our mission is to safeguard lives, property, and constitutional rights through honest, ethical, and professional service.

We are guided by core values that define who we are and how we serve: integrity, accountability, teamwork, leadership, and service. These principles ensure that every member of our agency acts with honor, respect, and responsibility—both on duty and in their personal lives. Our goal is to lead by example, work collaboratively, and provide fair, impartial service to all people while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism.

Thank you for your continued support of our staff and the work we do to keep Dodge County safe and strong. We are proud to serve you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale J. Schmidt".

Dale J. Schmidt Dodge County Sheriff

New Employees



Kenneth Aslum
Corrections Officer



Darrel Ashley
Corrections Officer



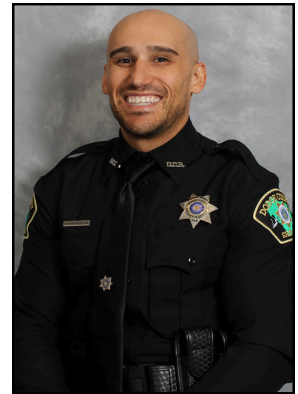
Thomas Ashley
Corrections Officer



Mitchell Bethke
Communications Officer



Teagen Burns
Corrections Officer



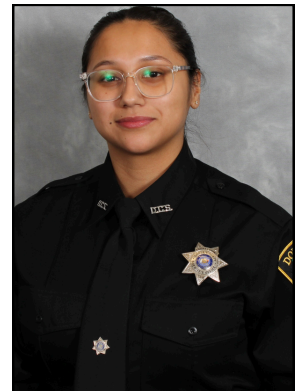
Matthew DerManuelian
Patrol Deputy



Nathan Fetting
Corrections Officer



Weston Finke
Corrections Officer



Diana Garcia Pelayo
Corrections Officer

New Employees



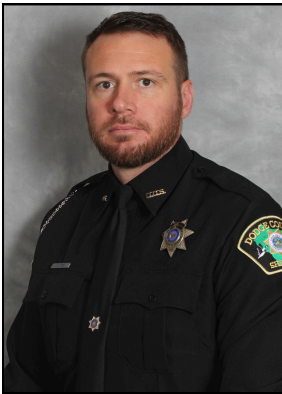
William Gullion
Corrections Officer



Matthew Haas
Corrections Officer



Colin Hay
Corrections Officer



Dylan Hienz
Patrol Deputy



Kirsten James
Background Investigator



Caleb Justman
Patrol Deputy



Debra Keel
Corrections Officer



Caleb Lablanc
Jail Transport



Patrick Matuszewski
Jail Transport/
Background Investigator

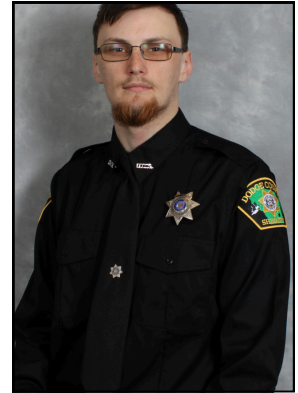
New Employees



Joseph Nauman
Corrections Officer



Alexander Nell
Patrol Deputy



Liam Olson
Corrections Officer



Scott Pavlock
Court Security



Lucas Polzin
Detective



Abigail Richarson
Patrol Deputy



Collynn Sheely
Community Service Officer



Amanda Stai
Corrections Officer



Lance Thomas
Communications Officer

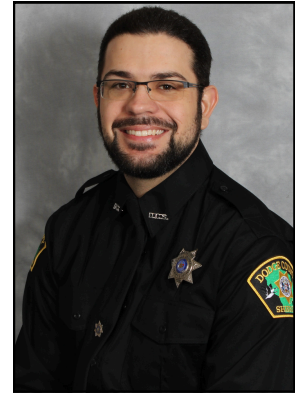
New Employees



Tony Thomas
Jail Transport



Matthew Vohen
Corrections Officer



Ian Wallace
Corrections Officer



Nicholas Weinberger
Corrections Officer



Robbie Weinfurter
Patrol Deputy



Amaya Wilson
Corrections officer



Paul Zenner
Jail Transport

Retirees



Vickie Brugger

Detective Sergeant
29 Years of Service



Christine Churchill

Communications Lieutenant
20 Years of Service



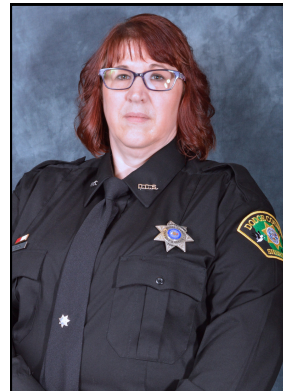
Dean Hopp

Patrol Deputy
25 Years of Service



Arthur Elsner

Corrections Sergeant
24 Years of Service



Jennifer Welch

Corrections Officer
24 Years of Service

**A combined 122 years
of service!**

Current Employees in new Roles



Kyle Anderson

Former Corrections Officer
Current Corrections Sergeant



Michell Bethke

Former Communications Officer
Current Corrections Officer



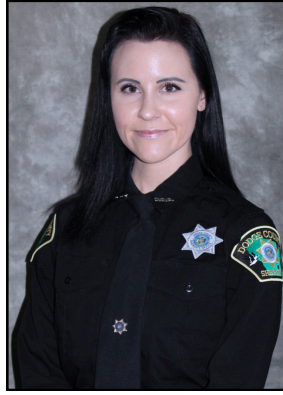
Sean Bruss

Former Corrections Corporal
Current Patrol Deputy



Rachel Davison

Former Support Specialist
Current Support Supervisor



Kasey Gresbach

Former Full-Time Corrections
Current Part-Time Corrections



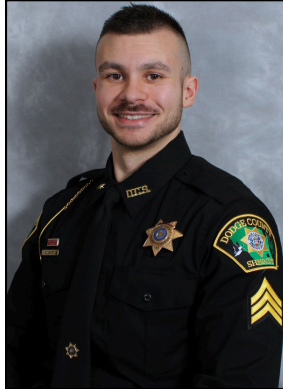
Jeramy Grossman

Former Communications Sgt.
Current Communications Lt.



Jayden Huncosky

Former Part-Time Corrections
Current Full-Time Corrections



Bradley Kulibert

Former Patrol Deputy
Current Patrol Sergeant



Bradley Konkel

Former DTF Sgt.
Current Detective Sgt.

Current Employees in new Roles



Alexis Large

Former Part-Time Corrections
Current Full-Time Corrections



Matthew Marvin

Former Jail Programs
Current Corrections Sgt.



David Montellano

Former Community Service Officer
Current Corrections Officer



Benjamin Schepp

Former Jail Sgt.
Current Jail Lieutenant



Kurt Weber

Former Corrections Officer
Current Corrections Sgt.



Carson Schanilec

Former Corrections Officer
Current Patrol Dpeuty



Lance Thomas

Former Communications Officer
Current Communciationsn Sgt.

Sgt. = Sergeant

Leadership in Police Organizations

In 2025, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office continued its commitment to developing future leaders and exemplary followers to provide better service to the public and prepare its staff to meet the leadership needs of the present and future. We did this through our continued commitment to send our staff to Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO).

The positive impacts of the sheriff's commitment to leadership development are evidenced throughout the agency and in this annual report. Of greater importance, the continued efforts at creating better leaders throughout the agency have helped our efforts to make our employees' work and home lives better, which translates to better service to the community.

LPO Graduates in 2025

Ryan Brehmer Kyle Anderson Rachel Davison

Performance Management: From Budgeting to Operations

In 2025, the Sheriff's Office received an \$18,100 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, enabling us to host law enforcement leaders from 15 Wisconsin agencies, including seven members of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office supervisory staff. This course equipped law enforcement managers with practical tools to understand budgetary fundamentals and link financial decisions to operational performance. Participants learned how to evaluate organizational effectiveness, ensure responsible use of resources, and demonstrate value to community and elected stakeholders. Through interactive exercises, students developed a framework for performance management and gained hands-on experience assessing staffing, expenditures, and accountability within constrained budgets.



Patrol Division

Roster

Operations Captain Jason Boeck

A Team

Lt. Brian Loos
Sgt. William Pansier
Deputy Jason Westphal (Civil Process)
Vacant (Rec Patrol)
Deputy Jaime Buelter
Deputy Andrew Dean
Deputy Martin Keberlein
Deputy Annie Cedarquist (K9)
Deputy Codey Bratz

B Team

Lt. Joseph Nicholas
Sgt. Michael Workman
Deputy Luke Luther (Rec Patrol)
Deputy Ryan Jackson
Deputy Ryan Schwartz
Deputy Trevor Mallon
Deputy Dale Bratz
Deputy Matthew DerManuelian (K9)
Deputy Jerad Landheer (Civil Process)

C Team

Lt. Dustin Waas
Sgt. Matthew Mayer (K9)
Deputy Matthew Burns
Deputy Daniel Croft
Deputy Alex Kaufman
Deputy Wyatt Paul
Deputy Alex Nell
Deputy Jonathon Ehley

D Team

Lt. Ryan Brehmer
Sgt. Bradley Kulibert
Deputy Scott Anderson (K9)
Deputy Dylan Ott
Deputy Bradley Kulibert
Deputy Thomas Crowell
Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn
Deputy Caleb Justman

Lomira Contract

Sgt. Donald Counard
Deputy Jay Thielmann (School Resource)
Deputy Robbie Weinfurter
Deputy Kayla Tritt

Reeseville Contract

Deputy Martin Keberlein
Deputy Dale Bratz
Deputy Damian Schultz
Deputy Matthew Burns

In Training

Deputy Carson Schanilec
Deputy Abigail Richardson
Deputy Sean Bruss
Deputy Dylan Heinz

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is comprised of dedicated men and women of law enforcement who strive to safeguard the lives, property, and constitutional rights of our citizens through honest, ethical, and professional service to the community. Our deputies work daily to uphold the vision of the Sheriff's Office by collaborating with our communities and developing proactive solutions to make Dodge County a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and visit. All personnel are expected to uphold the agency's core values: integrity, accountability, teamwork, leadership, and service.

The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service, as well as implementing proactive strategies. Deputies are held accountable for their time spent patrolling the county. During periods without calls for service, they are expected to self-initiate field activities. Examples include conducting building and business checks, performing targeted traffic enforcement in high-crash areas, and actively monitoring known problem areas within the county.

Personnel receive a variety of training courses throughout the year to maintain a high level of proficiency in the evolving field of law enforcement. Training includes legal updates, firearms proficiency, defensive and arrest tactics, emergency vehicle operations, first aid and CPR, leadership development, and community policing strategies.

In preparation for our annual performance objectives for 2025, one agency goal was recruitment and retention. From the Patrol Division's perspective, the agency successfully hired and fully trained five deputies. During the latter half of 2025, three additional deputies were hired and began training, which will carry over into early 2026. On average, a deputy spends four months in the training program, completing approximately 720 hours under the guidance of our agency's Field Training Officers. Notably, five of these deputies were lateral transfers from other law enforcement agencies. Entering 2026, the division is only one deputy short of being fully staffed. This accomplishment reflects the agency's reputation as a destination organization, demonstrating that others recognize the positive work being done here and want to join our team.

Dodge County Project Lifesaver

Dodge County Project Lifesaver provides services to county residents with cognitive conditions that increase the risk of wandering and the inability to assist themselves. These conditions typically include Autism, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's disease, and Dementia, although other clients may also be considered. The program involves the client wearing a wristwatch-sized radio transmitter on either the wrist or ankle.

Potential clients must have a 24/7 caregiver to ensure prompt notification if the client elopes. If a client wanders, the caregiver calls 911, and trained personnel respond immediately as an emergency, locating the individual using specialized receivers.

There were no activated searches for clients enrolled in the program during 2025; however, reports of individuals who have wandered prompted evaluations for program enrollment.

At the end of 2025, Dodge County Project Lifesaver had seven active clients. The program continues to maintain a 100% success rate, with all clients remaining safe.

Currently, nine deputies are certified to conduct battery changes, add new clients, and perform searches.

2025 Project Lifesaver Deputies:

Lt. Brian Loos, Program Coordinator/Instructor/ESS

Detective Kasey Young/ESS

Captain Jason Boeck/ESS

Lt. Joseph Nicholas/ESS

Deputy Martin Keberlein/ESS

Detective Kelsey Becker/ESS

Sgt. William Pansier/ESS

Sgt. Matthew Mayer/ESS

Deputy Thomas Crowell/ESS

(ESS – Electronic Search Specialist)



Photo is Karter Hartzheim, Project Lifesaver client since 2016.

Recreation Patrol



**Recreation Deputy
Luke Luther**

Deputy Luke Luther has been assigned to recreation patrol since 2022. Deputy Luther is a 19-year law enforcement veteran and has been with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office for six years.

New to the Recreation Patrol is Deputy Jerad Landheer. He brings more than 20 years of distinguished service in the United States Coast Guard, with extensive experience in maritime law enforcement, search and rescue operations, and large-scale emergency response. Throughout his career, he has led and supported complex missions, ranging from life-saving search and rescue cases to coordinated responses during major flood events, hurricane relief efforts, train derailments, and environmental pollution incidents. Deputy Landheer has been with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office since May 2024.



**Recreation Deputy
Jerad Landheer**

Recreation Deputies Luther and Landheer maintain positive working relationships with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WIDNR), local recreation clubs and associations, and residents who participate in outdoor recreational activities.

The Recreation Patrol Team includes Deputies Dylan Ott, Trevor Mallon, Kevin Kluck, Easton Meier, Jonathan Ehley, and Lieutenant Aaron Potratz. These team members are trained in boat, snowmobile, and ATV operations, WIDNR recreation regulations, and rescue and recovery operations.

The Recreation Patrol position includes responsibilities for ATV/UTV/OHM, boat, and snowmobile patrols. This role is supported by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WIDNR) and actively conducts patrols using the agency's equipment, which includes a 2016 Crestliner 1750 Fish Hawk boat, a 2025 Polaris Sportsman 850 ATV, a 2021 Kawasaki Mule UTV, two 2009 Polaris Switchback 600 snowmobiles, a 2024 Ski-Doo 850 Renegade, a 2022 Ford F-150 Police Responder crew cab marked pickup truck, and a 2024 Ford F-150 Police Responder crew cab marked pickup truck.

A key responsibility of this position is providing safety presentations and public outreach using this equipment. Programs include Cops and Bobbers, Fish 'n Fun, Beaver Dam Lake Days, Watertown Riverfest, and the Citizens' Police Academy, where deputies provide recreation instruction and safety information. This position also participates in numerous parades throughout Dodge County, as well as National Night Out events in Beaver Dam and Reeseville, highlighting specialized recreation equipment for both children and adults.

Through the year, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office maintained a strong working relationship with the WIDNR and wardens operating in Dodge County, coordinating enforcement and investigation efforts to ensure public safety and recreational compliance.

Recreation Patrol

The boating season for the Dodge County Sheriff's Office ran from April through October. Patrol areas included the Rock River, Horicon Marsh, Lake Sinissippi, Beaver Dam Lake, Fox Lake, Lost Lake, and Lake Emily. During the boating season, the Sheriff's Office responded to several complaints and implemented proactive, directed patrols on these waterways based on citizen reports.

ATV patrol was conducted year-round and included monitoring Dodge County's 20 miles of the Wild Goose State Trail, as well as directed patrol enforcement for individuals operating illegally on roadways, trails, private property not open to the public, or state highways. Several deputies also contributed to ATV enforcement by observing and addressing violations while on routine patrol. Deputies investigated one ATV/UTV accident resulting in injuries.

In 2025, snowmobile trails were open in all zones for a total of seven days. Deputies, in partnership with WIDNR wardens, provided a visible presence and enforced snowmobile regulations on both trails and lakes. The 500 miles of publicly and privately funded trails in Dodge County experienced significant traffic, partially due to poor snow conditions in northern counties. Deputy Luther collaborated with Conservation Wardens to respond to several reports of snowmobiles operating on closed trails prior to the official opening. Deputies also investigated one snowmobile injury crash.



K9 Teams

Our K9 teams consist of Sergeant Mayer with K9 Cade, Deputy Anderson with K9 Bak, Deputy Cedarquist with K9 Ok'ó, and our newest canine addition, K9 Cuda, partnered with Deputy DerManuelian. With the addition of K9 Cuda, the agency achieved its goal of having a police canine assigned to each 12-hour shift team.

All teams are certified through Jessiffany Canine Services in the detection of four controlled substances: methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and MDMA. K9 Cade, K9 Ok'ó, and K9 Cuda are trained in handler protection, suspect apprehension, and tracking. K9 Bak is trained as a single-purpose canine for controlled substances and also has tracking capabilities. Each K9 performs these duties while remaining approachable for public presentations and school interactions.

In addition to kennel certifications, all K9 teams receive annual certification from an independent master trainer through the American Police Canine Services. Teams train throughout the year to maintain proficiency and ensure successful certification with both organizations.

K9 Cuda is a 2-year-old Dutch Shepherd that arrived at Jessiffany Canine in August 2025 from the Netherlands. Deputy DerManuelian was selected as the fourth canine handler and chose Cuda as his partner after evaluating several candidates. The team completed a five-week training program, beginning in September 2025 and successfully concluding on October 4, 2025. The name "Cuda" is inspired by the pelagic predatory fish, barracuda, reflecting characteristics such as high drive, rapid acceleration, and a strong bite. K9 Cuda's coat even features a similar striped pattern. Beneath his serious expression is a happy, energetic, and young dog that enjoys working.

The K9 teams and their equipment are funded through a variety of donations. K9 Cade was acquired through funds from Play 4 Cade, an organization that raises awareness for organ donation. The organization donated \$15,000 in memory of a 14-year-old teenager named Cade, who died in a crash. K9 Bak was transferred from the Lomira Police Department when the Dodge County Sheriff's Office assumed contracted law enforcement services. K9 Ok'ó and K9 Cuda were funded through proceeds from the annual K9 Golf Outing, which serves as the primary source of program funding. The 2025 K9 Golf Outing raised \$15,744. Funds are used for K9 unit expenses and reserved for future needs.



Crash Investigation Team

2025 STATISTICS

New Cases	38
Old Cases Reopened	2
Event Data Recorder (EDR) Downloads	13
Event Data Recorder (EDR) Analysis	13
Berla iVE (In-Vehicle Exploitation) Downloads	2
Berla iVE (In-Vehicle Exploitation) Analysis	2
Scene Scan/Reconstruction	17
Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspections	31
FAA Licensed Drone Pilots	6
Scene Flights	15
Training Flights	28

Members:

Sergeant Eric Krueger
 Lt. Jeramy Grossman
 Sergeant Michael Workman
 Deputy Andrew Dean
 Deputy Thomas Crowell
 Deputy Luke Luther
 Deputy Ryan Jackson
 Deputy Trevor Mallon
 Deputy Wyatt Paul



SWAT Team

The Dodge County Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team consists of 23 members. Officers are assigned to specific roles within the team, including team commander, team leader, assistant team leader, sniper, entry team, munitions specialist, and negotiator.

The purpose of the SWAT Team is to provide specialized support for critical operations that require advanced tactical deployment or intensive negotiation capabilities beyond the scope of standard field officers. The team trains monthly on specialized tactics and equipment. Scenarios for training include barricaded subjects, hostage situations, execution of search and arrest warrants, armed suspects, anti-terrorism operations, and any other situations deemed necessary by the sheriff.

In January 2025, the SWAT Team was deployed in the village of Reeseville for a residential search warrant resulting from a months-long drug investigation. The operation led to the seizure of drugs, and drug charges were referred to the district attorney's office for multiple occupants of the residence.

In May 2025, the SWAT Team was activated for a significant domestic violence incident in the town of Beaver Dam. While the team was conducting operational planning, the suspect left the residence and was taken into custody without incident by patrol deputies in the area.

Finally, in September 2025, the SWAT Team deployed again in the village of Reeseville for another residential search warrant related to a months-long drug investigation. This operation also resulted in the seizure of drugs, and a drug charge referral was submitted to the district attorney's office for one of the home's occupants.



SWAT Team photo while at a two-day training event at Fox Valley Technical College.

Honor Guard

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard participated in five events during 2025. These included the Dodge County Executive Law Enforcement Association (DECLEA) awards ceremony, the Dodge County Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony, the September 11 silent parade in Juneau, and, with honor, the funerals of former Deputy Ron Guptill and former Sheriff Stephen Fitzgerald.

The nine current members of the Honor Guard represent each division of the agency, including patrol, investigations, communications, and corrections.



2025 Honor Guard Team

Sergeant Eric Krueger
 Sergeant Benjamin Plante
 Sergeant Dawn Learned
 Deputy Luke Luther
 Deputy Thomas Crowell
 Lieutenant Kevin Schultz
 Sergeant Samantha Laughlin
 Deputy Kayla Tritt
 Deputy Dylan Ott



Honor Guard					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Public Appearances	10	3	4	3	3
Funeral Services	6	2	4	0	2

Drug Recognition Expert

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office has five certified Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). DREs are highly trained specialists in identifying impairment caused by drugs other than alcohol. To attend training and achieve certification, candidates must demonstrate proficiency in administering Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) and have a strong background in impaired driving enforcement.

After completing training, DREs are called to conduct standardized, systematic 12-step evaluations on individuals arrested for OWI who either have no alcohol present or whose alcohol levels are inconsistent with observed impairment. Upon completion of the evaluation, DREs provide expert opinions regarding whether the individual is impaired or if a medical condition or other circumstance (e.g., diabetes, head injury) may be mimicking impairment. When impairment is determined to be caused by drugs, the DRE can identify the category or categories of drugs responsible.

The use of DREs supports arresting officers, prosecutors, and courts by providing objective assessments of impairment. The primary goal of the program is to determine whether medication or drug use is associated with impairment. While blood tests can indicate the presence and sometimes the concentration of specific drugs, it is the observations of the arresting officer and the DRE that help prosecutors, courts, and juries assess whether an individual was impaired. The mere presence of a drug or drugs does not necessarily indicate impairment.

Current Active DRE's

Sheriff Dale Schmidt Deputy Dylan Ott
Lieutenant Dustin Waas Deputy Scott Anderson
Lieutenant Ryan Brehmer

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) EVALUATIONS					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Evaluations	7	22	11	14	31
On-Duty Evaluations	7	16	10	11	29
Off-Duty Call In	0	6	1	3	2
Other Agency Request	0	2	1	5	3

Fatal Vision Program



Zachary Kuckkahn
Patrol Deputy

Fatal Vision is a training tool used to vividly demonstrate the concept of impairment and the dangers of impaired driving. Fatal Vision's purpose is to duplicate impairment caused by a specific level of alcohol or other drug ingested by a human. Alcohol and other drugs affect the brain, which results in a variety of impairments. The fatal vision goggles distort vision and cause behaviors that are similar to those exhibited by someone under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn oversees this valuable community training program.

Many of the training events have focused on high school-age students. These young drivers are given a realistic view of the dangers of driving while impaired and the deadly consequences of their choices. The program provides practical exercises to understand decision-making, responsibility, and consequences. The training program often concludes with the use of fatal vision goggles and other drug-impairment goggles.

Another important aspect of the Fatal Vision Program is the court-sponsored One Chance Program. This is offered to first-offense underage alcohol offenders. The offenders are required to attend the Fatal Vision Program, participate in eight hours of community service, and write an essay about what they have learned from the experience. If the judge accepts their efforts, the citation is dismissed.

In 2025, the sheriff's office Fatal Vision Program was presented to eight groups totaling over 200 people. There are plans to work with high schools in the area to provide presentations about this valuable information.

2025 Statistics

Operating While Intoxicated					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
OWI 1st	268	326	301	255	294
OWI 2nd	59	58	73	70	57
OWI 3rd	42	49	49	35	47
OWI 4th	19	24	15	24	21
OWI 5th	7	10	10	6	12
OWI 6th	8	3	1	2	3
OWI 7th	1	0	1	1	0
OWI 8th	0	0	1	1	3
OWI 9th	0	1	2	0	1
OWI 10th	0	1	0	0	1
Total OWIs	404	472	453	394	439

2025 Statistics

Traffic Citations

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Underage Drinking	192	228	193	211	181
One Chance	47	40	7	46	13
Speeding	1,767	1,798	1,179	1,368	1,297
Safety Belt	159	157	73	109	76
Fail to Obey Signal	130	180	184	243	216
Operate After Suspension	291	349	252	257	198
Operate After Revocation	192	172	169	187	184
Too Fast for Conditions	39	27	32	49	24
Warnings Issued	9,396	10,944	7,612	9,468	10,248

Operating Without a License

	2024	2025
Operating a vehicle without a commercial license	3	2
Operating a vehicle without a license, first offense	307	256
Operating a vehicle without a license, second offense in 3 years	128	104
Operating a vehicle without a license, third offense in 3 years	61	57
Operating a vehicle with an expired license	12	9
Totals	511	428

2025 Statistics

Crashes					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Bus	6	3	1	10	4
Deer	356	410	349	366	418
Motorcycle	25	24	14	28	16
Farm Equipment	5	3	7	7	9
Pedestrians	2	2	1	1	3
Personal Injury	218	238	220	236	203
Total Injuries	317	317	297	325	298
Fatal Crashes	12	9	8	12	13
Total Fatalities	15	11	11	17	13
Annual Totals	993	1,034	1,018	1,049	1,052

Statistics represent incidents that the Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled, not incidents that the municipal agencies within Dodge County handled. Exception is traffic fatalities numbers will represent all incidents within Dodge County covered by the Dodge County Sheriff's Office and the municipalities within Dodge County.

K9 Units					
	Sergeant Mayer K9 Cade	Deputy Anderson K9 Bak	Deputy Cedarquist K9 Ok'o	Deputy DerManuelian K9 Cuda	Combined
K9 Deployments	45	111	61	19	219
Vehicle Sniffs	155	185	97	59	496
K9 Tracks	5	5	4	2	17
School Locker Sniffs	5	4	4	3	14
Public Appearances	4	5	4	2	15
Drug Arrests Made	21	56	6	2	85
Total Value of Drugs Seized	\$7,822	\$68,240	\$3,180	\$200	\$79,442

2025 Statistics

ATV/UTV/OHM Patrol					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Patrol Hours	217	109.25	124.75	76.7	65.5
Registration Violations	92	11	11	27	19
OWI/PAC	2	0	4	5	3
Illegal Operation/ Closed Trail	47	4	10	6	13
Helmet Violations	10	2	5	6	4
Other Violations	65	16	17	24	27
Weekday Hours	69.5	53.25	84	40	24.5
Weekend Hours	147.5	56	40.75	36.7	41

ATV/UTV/OHM Involved Crashes	2024	2025
Property Damage Only Crashes	0	1
Injury Crashes	6	1
Fatal Crashes	1	0
Boat Involved Crashes	2024	2025
Property Damage Only Crashes	0	0
Injury Crashes	1	0
Fatal Crashes	0	0
Snowmobile Involved Crashes	2024	2025
Property Damage Only Crashes	0	0
Injury Crashes	1	2
Fatal Crashes	0	0

2025 Statistics

Boat Patrol

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Patrol Hours	157	104	287	297	155.25
Registration Violations	26	23	22	43	23
OWI	0	0	0	0	0
Flotation Device Violations	7	11	17	23	19
Navigation Lighting Violations	37	11	17	9	4
Other Violations	15	3	37	32	20
Weekday Hours	18	31	125.5	114	80
Weekend Hours	139	73	161.5	180	75.25

Snowmobile Patrol

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Patrol Hours	135.5	7.75	54.5	63.75	76
Registration Violations	13	3	6	15	16
OWI/PAC	4	0	2	0	0
Trespassing/ Closed Trail	5	3	2	2	2
Fail to Obey Sign	11	0	0	3	0
Other Violations	16	0	2	2	5
Weekday Hours	87	0	36.25	27	44.25
Weekend Hours	48.5	7.75	18.25	36.75	31.75

2025 Statistics

DOSO Transports — Juveniles

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Trips	6	13	18	19	13
Hours	15	51	46	39	20
Milage	436	1,351	1,919	1,590	939

DOSO Transports — Adults

	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024	2025
Trips	17	40	78	105	91
Hours	86	92	138	147	93
Milage	1,486	2,964	5,866	6,730	4,197

*Beginning October, 2020 adult transports were contracted through Redi Transport and are not included in the October 2020 and later numbers.

*Beginning 2023, new circumstance codes implemented to capture more accurate data with all transports. 2022 numbers updated to reflect those changes.

Redi Transports — Adults

	2023	2024	2025
Trips	654	723	745
Milage	51,393	55,647	62,802

2025 Statistics

Civil Process

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Papers Served	1,043	1,022	1,163	1,104	1,188
Served for Dodge County Agencies	45	36	44	32	29
Revenue to Dodge County	\$55,804	\$58,481.05	\$65,710.17	\$67,932.40	\$84,209.11
Total Charges for Dodge County Papers	\$3,050	\$2,630	\$3,710	\$2,475	\$2,175

Sheriff Sales

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Sales	28	27	13	20	22
Total in Dollars	\$3,348,013	\$3,022,656.10	\$2,625,058.55	\$4,714,778.69	\$3,490,363.09

Court Ordered Writs Served

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Executions Against Property	2	3	0	0	1
Writs of Assistance	1	9	5	4	5
Writs of Restitution	88	82	82	98	67
Writs of Replevin	14	4	5	15	8

Total Writs Served 2025 — 81

Reeseville Contract

On January 1, 2022, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office began contracted law enforcement services for the Village of Reeseville. We currently have four deputies assigned to Reeseville with a sergeant overseeing the scheduling portion of the contract.

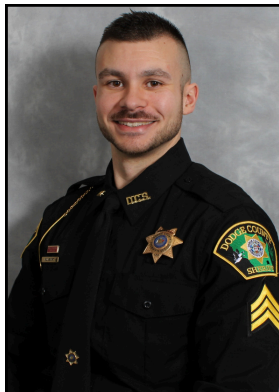
The sheriff's office currently provides 10 hours of coverage a week, which averages to 40 hours a month. Deputies enforce both state statutes and village ordinances. The sheriff's office supplies all the necessary equipment, including firearms, ammunition, portable radio, and other protective equipment. The Village of Reeseville provides a fully equipped squad car with the necessary equipment to carry out law enforcement functions.

One of the primary responsibilities for our deputies assigned to Reeseville is to engage in active community-oriented policing strategies. This is accomplished through collaborating with the community to develop problem-oriented strategies and increase trust in local law enforcement. The sheriff office's continual goal is to be proactive versus reactive to known problems, which can be especially effective in a small community such as the Village of Reeseville.

Reeseville Deputies



Dustin Waas
Patrol Lieutenant



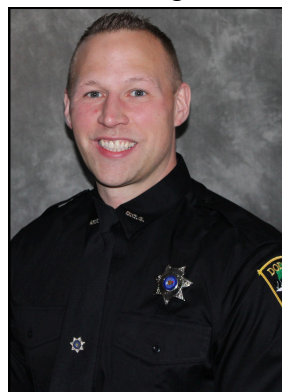
Bradley Kulibert
Patrol Sergeant



Damian Schultz
Patrol Deputy



Matthew Burns
Patrol Deputy



Dale Bratz
Patrol Deputy



Martin Keberlein
Patrol Deputy

Reeseville Contract

Calls for Service

	2023	2024	2025
Building Check	369	368	310
911 Hangup	1	1	3
Intelligence	2	0	0
Ordinance Violation	24	18	14
Sex Offense	1	0	0
Traffic Complaint	5	5	4
Traffic Stop	50	43	61
Walk and Talk	18	1	1

2025 Citations

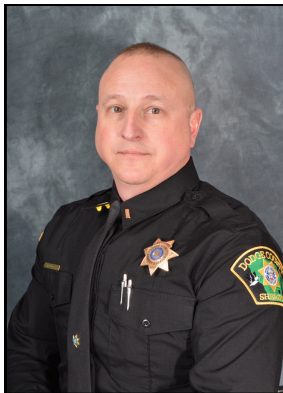
Animal at Large	3
Operate w/o Valid DL	3
Operate After Suspension	0
Operate After Revocation	1
Operate w/o Insurance	1
Parking	0
Speeding	6
Non-Registration of Vehicle	1
Theft	2
Ordinance Violation	1

Lomira Contract

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is proud to continue to provide contracted law enforcement services to the village of Lomira since 2023. The village contracts with the sheriff's office for three full-time deputies who provide coverage seven days a week. Additionally, the Lomira School District contracts with our agency for a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) who provides service to the Lomira elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as the Theresa Learning Community.

Sergeant Donald Counard leads the Lomira deputies, which includes the SRO Deputy Jay Thielmann. Deputies Codey Bratz, Damian Schultz, Kayla Tritt, Alex Nell, and Caleb Justman shared the two additional patrol deputy assignments during 2025. Lieutenant Brian Loos is the administrator assigned to oversee the deputies working in Lomira.

Community Oriented Policing drives our services provided, and we are pleased to have worked closely with village leadership, business owners, and the citizens in the village.



Brian Loos
Patrol Lieutenant



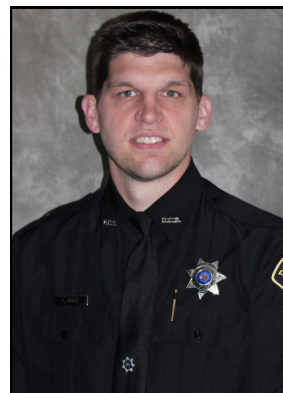
Donald Counard
Patrol Sergeant



Jay Thielmann
School Resource Officer



Damian Schultz
Patrol Deputy



Codey Bratz
Patrol Deputy

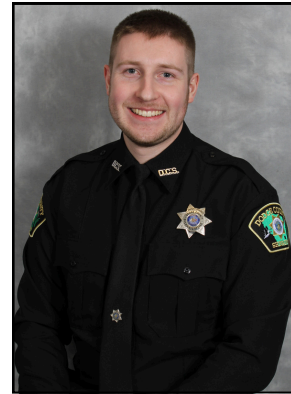
Lomira Contract



Kayla Tritt
Patrol Deputy



Alex Nell
Patrol Deputy



Caleb Justman
Patrol Deputy

Calls for Service			
	2023	2024	2025
Building Check	661	1,551	2,218
911 Hangup	77	130	136
Gas Drive Off	43	42	4
School Complaint	24	28	68
Suspicious	20	57	56
Traffic Complaint	87	257	319
Traffic Stop	273	1,072	1,470
Walk and Talk	163	239	129

Community Service Officers

Our Community Service Officer (CSO) program is primarily designed to provide employment and experience to individuals who are enrolled in school for criminal justice with goals of being employed in law enforcement. Our CSO's augment our patrol division by responding to assist patrol deputies at various incidents, including traffic crashes and other traffic control scenes, taking animal bite reports, assisting motorists, assisting at medical calls, community events, and many other duties that do not require a sworn law enforcement officer response. They patrol our county in a marked vehicle equipped with amber and red lights, communicate with dispatch and other deputies on the radio, take reports on a mobile computer, and assist other agencies within the county. Employment as a CSO gives them valuable experience of how law enforcement agencies work and often leads to employment at our agency as well as other law enforcement agencies.

This past year saw two of our CSO's being hired as police officers with the city of Fond du Lac Police Department. Congratulations to Luis Hernandez and Ajay Stortz as they begin their new careers! CSO David Montellano was hired full-time as a corrections officer in our jail in December. CSO Neil Zirbel resigned during the year. With these changes, CSO Collynn Sheely was hired to begin to fill the vacancies.

The CSO program is a great way for us to get our youth involved with serving our community and gain valuable experience in the field of law enforcement and community policing.



CSO David Montellano



CSO Collynn Sheely

Law Enforcement Phlebotomy

In August of 2024, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office became active in the Law Enforcement Phlebotomy program, sending two deputies to become certified phlebotomists. The goal of the Law Enforcement Phlebotomy program is to assist deputies with performing blood draws on serious motor vehicle crashes and operating while impaired arrests, which provides the sheriff's office with numerous benefits. These benefits include getting deputies back in service quicker, creating less travel time with not needing to go to a hospital, and not taking up hospital resources for blood draws.

Since then, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office has six certified phlebotomists: Communications Sergeant Pamela Uecke-Tinsley, Communications Officer Trinity Radcliffe, Communications Officer Greta Krehoff, Corrections Officer Kasey Gresbach, Deputy Annie Cedarquist, and Deputy Daniel Croft.

In 2025, the Law Enforcement Phlebotomists completed a total of 203 draws, with 34 of them being for outside agencies.



Pamela Uecke-Tinsley



Trinity Radcliffe



Greta Krehoff



Kasey Gresbach



Annie Cedarquist



Daniel Croft

Sheriff's Citizen Academy

The sheriff's office hosted its tenth Sheriff's Citizen Academy. This year, there were six participants who were given hands-on demonstrations of the daily activities of the sheriff's office. During the 13-week course, academy participants were exposed to OWI investigations, Recreational Patrol, a K9 demonstration, a presentation by District Attorney Andrea Will, Crash Investigations, Criminal Investigations, and defense and arrest tactics (DAAT). They also made mock traffic stops and conducted room-clearing tactics.

They also took a tour of the dispatch center, where they learned the responsibilities and dedication the communication officers have. The academy took a tour of the Dodge County Detention Facility and learned the responsibilities of our jail staff. Dodge County Medical Examiner PJ Schoebel also explained the duties and responsibilities of the medical examiner. Chaplin Bauer spoke with the group and educated the class on the Chaplin Program.

After completing the class, participants were given the opportunity to do a ride-along with deputies. Participants say this is truly insightful to the daily activities of our staff, and they get to see the professionalism exhibited by the deputies.

The countless hours of dedication and instruction provided by the patrol deputies, correctional officers, communication officers, and other members of county agencies have created a bridge of understanding between law enforcement and Dodge County citizens.



Court Security

In response to Chapter 59.27(3) of the Wisconsin statutes and Chapter 70.38 of the Wisconsin State Supreme Court Rules, the Sheriff of Dodge County and the presiding judge have established a level of court security in the Dodge County Justice Facility. The Dodge County Sheriff and the presiding judge wish to address the potential dangers to the safety of county and state employees who work in the Dodge County Justice Facility, as well as that of the public who conduct business in the facility.

Court security in the Justice Facility is designed to increase building security in a fiscally responsible manner. The manner of security is also designed to avoid unreasonable inconvenience to both staff and the public. Court security will provide a deterrent to acts of violence by maintaining a presence of security and by attempting to keep dangerous weapons and other unauthorized items out of the facility. A secondary mission of the court security staff includes providing information, direction and other customer service to the public.

Part-time court security staff in 2025: Steve Allermann, Kelly Cotter, Kevin Harvancik, Mark Jahnke, Randy Kind, Mike Klavekoske, Mike Morell, Scott Pavlock, Carl Schultz, and Ron Zenk.



Court Security

Activity

We have one new Court Security Officer, Scott Pavlock, and he completed his training towards the end of 2025 and was a welcomed addition to the team.

Court security officers screened 35,287 visitors who entered the justice facility in 2025, which gives a monthly average of 2,940 and a daily average of 141.

Court security officers are proactive and attend proceedings that are of a sensitive nature or have the potential of being emotionally charged. Examples of the proceedings are temporary restraining order hearings, juvenile hearings, and plea and sentencing hearings. We feel this presence is a calming influence and prevents disturbances before they occur. In 2025, Court Security had an additional task of providing security for all felony cases in each of the 5 branches in the courthouse.

Court Security Activity					
Arrests	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Disturbances	2	5	0	1	0
Miscellaneous	2	8	9	5	6
Warrants	49	50	40	50	42
Total	53	63	49	56	48
Disturbances	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Clerk of Courts	3	2	1	1	1
Courtrooms	2	3	1	1	0
Family Court	0	0	0	0	1
Other	5	4	1	2	7
Total	10	9	3	4	9
Miscellaneous	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Paper Service	2	2	3	3	4
Subj. in Custody	88	70	80	98	94
Special Requests	300	342	358	323	727
Confiscation	0	4	11	335	290
Total	788	692	452	805	1,115

Criminal Investigation Division

Captain Jason Boeck — Commander
Lieutenant Taylor Nehls — Supervisor

The Criminal Investigation Division is made up of four separate units.

Detectives

Sgt Det. Bradley Konkel
Det. Michael Lake
Det. Andy Rolfs
Det. David Trevarthen
Det. Kasey Young
Det. Kelsey Becker
Det. Lucas Polzin
Det. Justin Kontny

Drug Task Force

Sgt. Derek Tritt
Deputy Dylan Ott
Deputy Carmen Micale

Evidence/Property

Deputy Secretary Nichole Miller

Background Investigations

Robert Neuman
Thomas Horvath
Dennis Walston
Kevin Harvancik
Pat Matuszewski

Division Overview

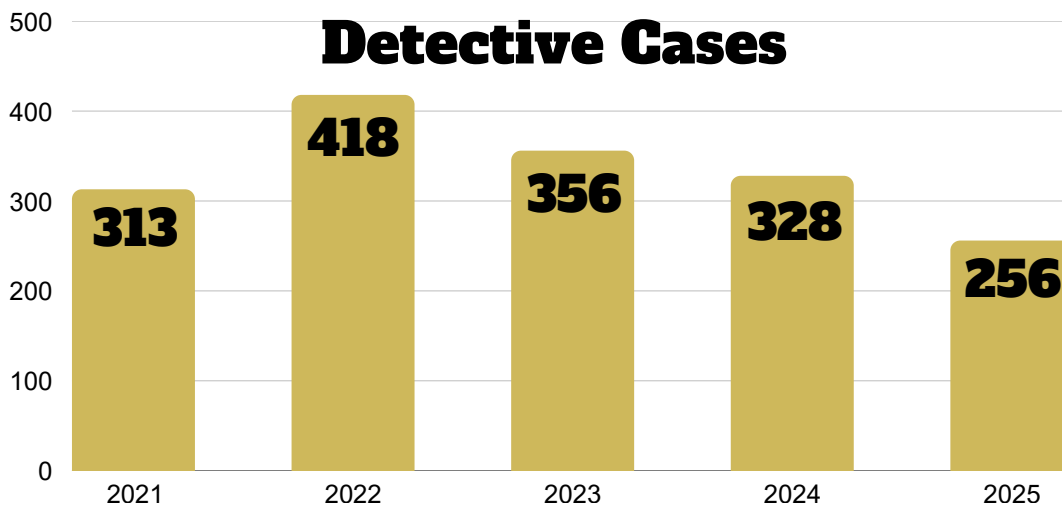
Dodge County currently has seven detective positions working on general assignment cases. One detective is assigned as the institution's investigator and one patrol sergeant is assigned as the unit lead of the Dodge County Drug Task Force. The Drug Task Force also has two deputies assigned full-time to the unit. There is one deputy secretary assigned as the evidence clerk for the Evidence/Property Room and two deputies who work part-time doing pre-employment background investigations for the sheriff's office and jail.

Annual Performance Objectives

1. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office currently has one detective who is a certified arson investigator through the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). This is a uniquely specialized position that requires in-depth training. We will be sending another detective to this training in 2026, which will enable two trained arson investigators to work collaboratively at fire scenes.
2. Members of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office will host training for all deputies and officers within Dodge County municipalities to train on proper crime scene management and evidence collection.
3. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office continues to see an abundance of fraud revolving around digital currencies throughout the county. Members of the criminal investigation division will work with Dodge County Adult Protective Services to educate and inform the public on these issues.

Detective Investigations

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office receives thousands of calls for service each year. Some complaints are criminal in nature, while others are not. Each criminal complaint is usually assigned to a deputy in the Patrol Division. After the report is completed, a supervisor reviews it. The patrol lieutenant will then decide if the case should be forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.



Not all cases handled by the sheriff's office start with a patrol deputy as the first responder. Cases such as unanticipated death investigations, undercover drug investigations, child abuse referrals from Child Protective Services, elder abuse referrals from Adult Protective Services, or any other case that the shift officer in charge feels can be started with a detective as the first responder or point of contact.

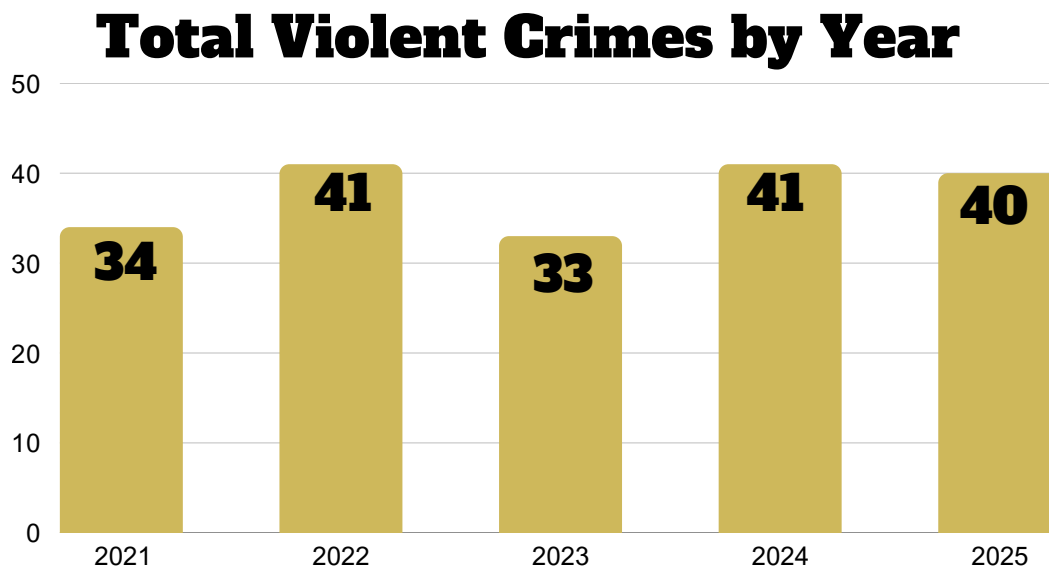
Detectives also receive non-criminal assignments, which can include welfare fraud referrals, child welfare checks, fire investigations that may not be criminal in nature, forensic previews of cell phones for other agencies, follow-up requests, and Jon Doe investigations from the District Attorney's office, along with forensic recorded child victim interviews, to name only a few. These additional assignments are not captured in the crime data that is reported to the federal government for tracking purposes, and all of these assignments do not appear in the total cases referenced above.

Criminal Investigation Division

Total Violent Crimes by Year					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	2	0
Negligent Manslaughter		1	2	0	0
Rape	2	7	6	6	5
Robbery	1	2	1	0	0
Aggravated Assault	31	30	24	33	35
Total Violent Crimes	34	41	33	41	40

*The above data is from the Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting website. Prior years shown above may have been updated from previous annual reports due to the fact that not all crimes are reported to law enforcement in the month/year they actually occur and are transmitted to the Wisconsin UCR website monthly after investigation and determination of an offense.

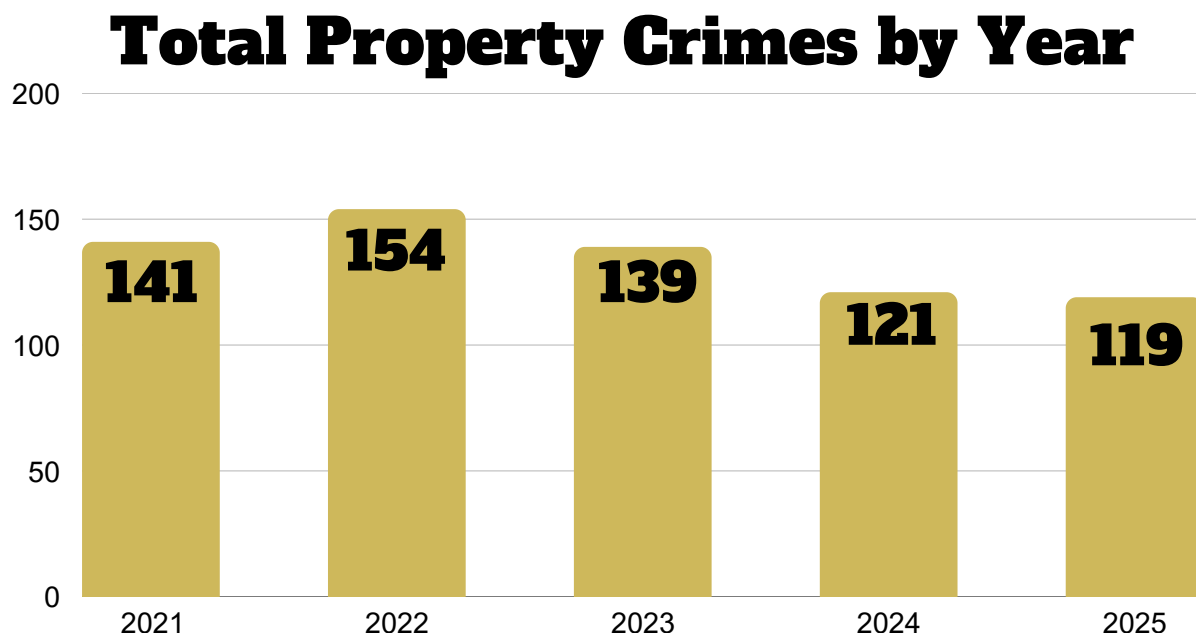
*For 2019-2021 both murder & non-negligent manslaughter were combined with negligent manslaughter. The two have been separated for 2022 and 2023.



Criminal Investigation Division

Total Property Crimes by Year					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Burglary	22	32	26	10	12
Larceny/Theft	101	109	101	98	97
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	11	11	12	6
Arson	1	2	1	1	4
Total Property Crimes	141	154	139	121	119

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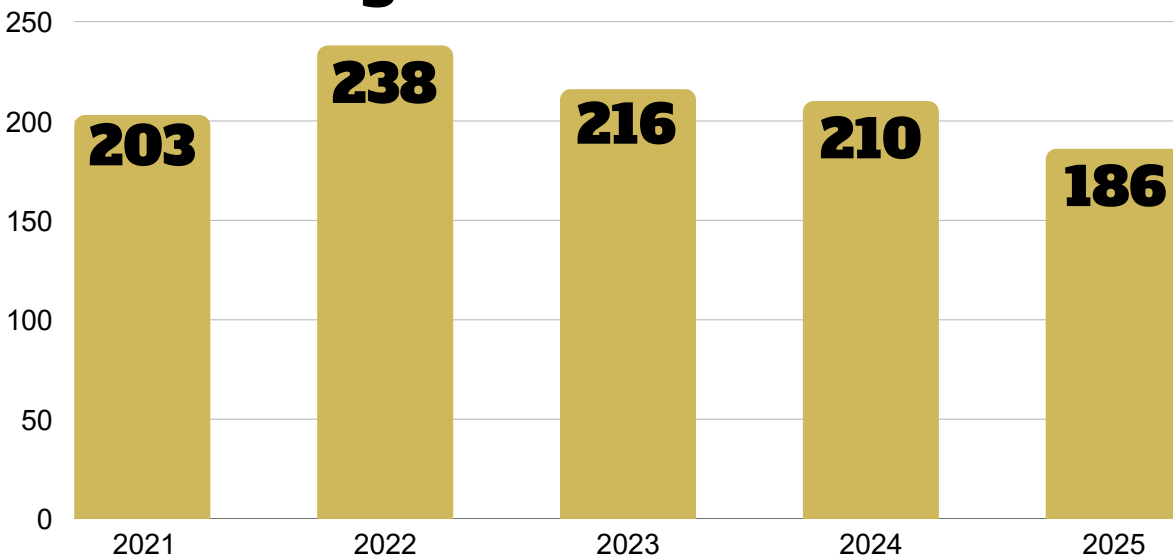


Criminal Investigation Division

Drug Enforcement Unit

Methamphetamine and cocaine continue to be at the forefront of the drug trade in Dodge County. We have generated cases on most other drugs locally, but meth and cocaine were the most prevalent in 2025. There has been a significant impact on our communities by this epidemic, including 13 suspected drug overdose deaths. The Dodge County Drug Enforcement Unit is committed to working with all agencies within the county and surrounding areas to continue to develop informants, arrange controlled buys, and conduct search warrants in an effort to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking and abuse within Dodge County. Another effort to combat drugs coming into our communities is numerous traffic interdiction deployments throughout the county by our Drug Enforcement Unit members

Drug Task Force Cases



Criminal Investigation Division

Evidence/Property Room

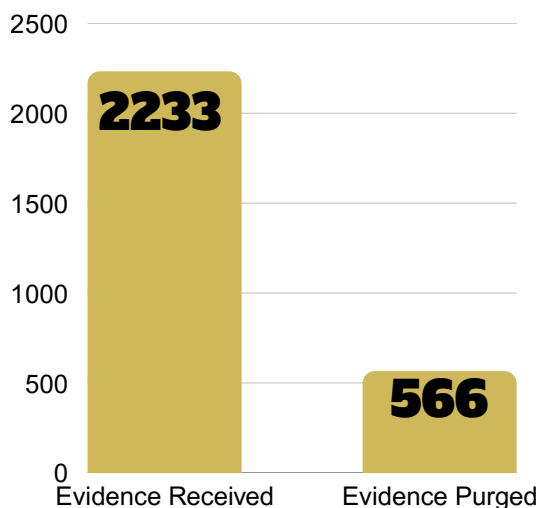
Evidence is universally defined as property that has significance in determining the truth of a matter being investigated. This could include many different components of the investigative process, such as fingerprints or DNA that identifies the suspect who committed the crime, digital audio and video files from sources, items recovered that were stolen from the crime scene, shoeprints, tool marks, or tire tracks, just to name a few. These items are collected in the field by deputies or detectives and packaged prior to being submitted to the property room.

The Evidence Clerk is responsible for evidence intake, which includes:

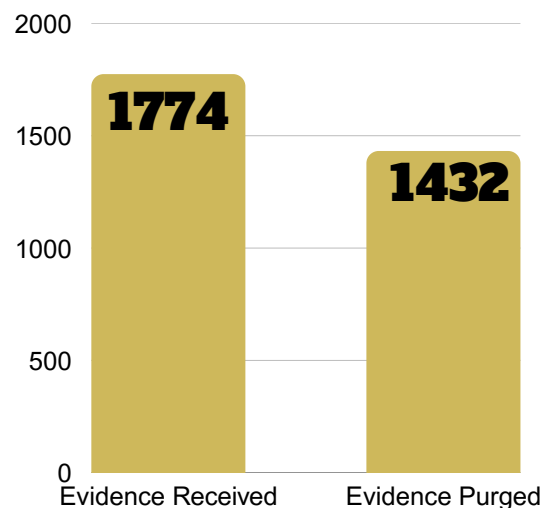
- Inspecting packaging to ensure evidence is properly sealed
- Categorizing the evidence
- Storing evidence in designated areas

Upon completion of the criminal case or expiration of the statute of limitations, evidence is retrieved and purged from the evidence room. The International Association of Property and Evidence estimates that each case needs approximately 30 minutes of research to make a purging decision.

2024 Evidence



2025 Evidence



Criminal Investigation Division

Lomira Police Department Evidence

In 2023, the Lomira Police Department was disbanded, and the Dodge County Sheriff's Office began contracted police services for the Village of Lomira. In providing this service, it added a lot of work, and items to our evidence room. The first step was to help organize and purge their evidence. All items were documented on paper only, therefore, once all items that could be purged were disposed of, next came entering the remaining pieces into the Record Management System, Motorola Flex. For cases that were mid-2017 and newer, the evidence could be added to the existing incident. For cases that were before this time, a new incident needed to be created in Flex, and then the evidence could be added.

The amount of evidence from the Village of Lomira are as follows:

Deputies can submit Dodge County Sheriff's Office evidence at the Lomira substation. In 2025, 37 pieces of evidence were submitted at the Lomira substation. There were also items that were taken in at the Lomira substation but returned before being brought back to the sheriff's office.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is also the repository for surrendered firearms. Court orders or other legal proceedings determine the length of time these firearms are stored in the evidence room.

Pre-employment Background Investigations

A thorough background check is conducted to ensure that prospective employees do not have any personal or professional issues that would preclude them from law enforcement or corrections service. Currently, there are two deputies working as part-time background investigators for the sheriff's office.

Background investigators will review employment history, character references, academic records, residency history, criminal history, and financial history. A background investigation typically includes interviews with those who know the applicant, including previous employers, school or military personnel, neighbors, and family members. Completed investigation summaries and documentation received during those investigations are turned in to the division requesting the background and forwarded to the sheriff for final approval. In 2025, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office took part in 63 background investigations.

Communications

Lieutenant Jeramy Grossman
Sergeant Pamela Uecke-Tinsely
Sergeant Lance Thomas
Sergeant Erica Lemke
Sergeant Dawn Learned

A-1 Team
Erica Lemke
Michelle Weber
Tom Hazelberg
Tammy Gebhardt

A-2 Team
Dawn Learned
Vicki Lessard
Vanessa Schaefer
Holly Buchda

B-1 Team
Lance Thomas
Katy Buchda
Greta Krehoff

B-2 Team
Pam Uecke-Tinsley
Josh Paternoster
Trinity Radcliffe

Nikki Christensen – **Warrants Specialist**
John Rosenmeier - **Part-Time Dispatch**
Kayla Seely - **Part-Time Dispatch**

A-1 Team



A-2 Team



B-1 Team



B-2 Team

Communications

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office E911 Dispatch Center consists of 17 full-time communications officers and currently two part-time communication officers. Our dispatch center is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for all 911 and non-emergency calls placed in Dodge County. Phone and radio communications are provided for sheriff's deputies, municipal police officers, fire departments, EMS, and all other public safety agencies in Dodge County 24/7, 365 days a year. Dispatchers are the **"true first responders"** to every emergency within the county.

How do I know when to dial 911?

Anytime you find yourself in a situation that requires an emergency response from a law enforcement agency, a fire department, or an ambulance service, you should call 911. As a general rule, if you face a situation where you are trying to decide whether to call 911 or not, CALL 911. It is always better to be safe, than risk the chance of not getting the help you need, when you need it.

If you have a situation that you need to report but the incident is a past event and non-threatening, (not in progress, suspects are unknown or not seen), i.e., theft of personal property, past criminal mischief/vandalism, a theft from an auto that occurred during the night, then you can report the incident by calling in on the Dodge County Sheriff's Office administrative phone line **(920)386-3726**. You can also submit an incident report on the Dodge County Sheriff's App which available on the Apple App Store for Apple devices or Google Play for Android devices. The Dodge County Sheriff's website (dodgecountysheriff.com) also has Report A Crime/Submit A Tip, File A Complaint and Bus Passing Complaint sections.

Anytime you are unsure of when to call 911, it is always better to call 911 than risk not getting help when you need it. If you cannot safely call 911, in Dodge County you can **TEXT 911**.

What can I expect when I call 911?

When you call 911, your call will be answered by an E-911 dispatcher. The dispatcher will conduct an interview to determine the type of emergency service needed. Questions generally asked fall into key questions of WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and depending on the situation, WHY. It is important to listen to the dispatcher and answer the questions asked. The dispatcher must ask you specific questions in order to ensure you receive the kind of help needed. It may seem that you are asked a lot of questions and that a lot of time has passed, however, our trained dispatchers will only ask questions that are necessary to getting you the proper help you need. This generally takes less than 30-45 seconds. Oftentimes, the dispatcher will start emergency response units and will return to ask follow-up questions. The main objective is to remain calm and listen to the dispatcher's instructions...help is on the way.

What happens if I accidentally call 911?

911 misdials occur frequently. Often, many misdials are realized after the number is called and the caller will immediately disconnect the line. This is what is commonly referred to as a "911 hang-up". If a connection was made, regardless if the line was not answered by the E-911 dispatcher, the PSAP will still receive the call. It is very important to remain on the line even if you realize you misdialed. If you disconnect the line, the E-911 dispatcher must process the call as an unknown emergency until otherwise determined.

Communications

CALLS FOR SERVICE ASSIGNED TO UNITS

TOTAL Unit Calls — 89,893* | TOTAL Agencies —92*

(*Includes out-of-county agencies)



35,598



43,590*

32 Agencies



7,705*

60 Agencies

Communication Center Calls

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

911 Calls	18,075
Abandoned 911 Calls	974
Police Lines	15,755
Admin	29,158
Outgoing	23,839
Text-to-911	688
Prepared-Live Texts from Dispatch	547
Totals	89,056

Communications

911 Answer Time

95.19%

Calls answered in less than 10 seconds

99.01%

Calls answered in less than 20 seconds

99.29%

Calls answered in less than 50 seconds

98.79% of all 911 calls in Dodge County are answered in under 20 seconds.

Annual Calls for Service Assigned to Units

2021	92,056
2022	99,344
2023	91,328
2024	90,021
2025	89,893

Warrants

Year	Entered	Cancelled/Arrested
2021	811	622
2022	829	723
2023	633	600
2024	918	686
2025	695	633

Jail



ADMINISTRATION:

Scott Smith — Jail Captain
Dustin Beck — Administrative Lieutenant

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALISTS

Annette Duckett Amanda Hensen
Karen Engels Nicole Krentz
Pamela Grosskopf

PROGRAMS OFFICERS

Scott Buckner | Marcus Kirchoff | Rose Zangl

TRAINING OFFICERS

Kyle Opetz

SERGEANTS

Arthur Elsner Benjamin Plante
Mark Ketter Jason Polsin
Bradley Knoll Kurt Weber
Samantha Laughlin Matt Marvin
Kyle Anderson

SHIFT LIEUTENANTS

Jason Hundt Aaron Potratz
Kevin Schultz Ben Schepp

Team 1

AM Officers

Carla Diaz Greg Oettinger
Jerome Doornek Deyvis Perez-Laguna
Nathaniel Hein John Pettersen
Don Krueger Collin Neuens
Krista Longseth-Roberts Dan Watkins
Kristin Marwitz Melinda Babcock
Brian Hill Mikayla Klein
Mitchell Stoll

PM Officers

Greg Stoehr Jacob LaBelle
Morgan Bolin Andrew Powell
Sean Bruss Adlen Rauch
Amaya Wilson
Randall Heinitz

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Team 2

AM Officers

Robert Biermann	Preston Franke
Kaitlyn Buss	Leonard Kluck
Adriane Beisbier	Brian Koch
Michael Garbalagtys	Anna Schroeder
Brian Harkins	Melissa Watkins
Matthew Vohen	Jarrett Yeargin
Joshua Reynolds	Emily Vick
Heather Myers	Kevin Kluck

PM Officers

Alexis Large	Benjamin Gonnering
Heidi Wieck	Owen Schraufnagel
Diana Garcia Pelayo	Tegan Burns
Jadyn Huncosky	William Rau
Matthew Haas	Thomas Ashley

Part-Time Officers

Carole Baker	Patrick Dymond	Sydney Finkler
	Alesha Umentum	Jordan Huncosky
		Joshua Barth

Corrections Officers In Training

Madison Wagner | Grace Millard

Jail Transport — Part Time

Michael Asmus	Robert Neuman
James Brace	Owen Schraufnagel
Joel Cartier	Terry Schulz
Donald Cook	Darrel Stibb
Reggie Hummelmeier	Art Tessmann
Richard Kinderman	Bruce Bleich
Steven Lindemann	

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The year 2025 marked the continuation of a long-standing partnership with federal agencies, including the U.S. Marshals Service, ICE, and the Bureau of Prisons. April 2025 also observed the 24th anniversary of the first Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), signed by then-Chief Deputy Jerold Witte in April 2001. Eight months after that initial agreement, in December 2001, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (which later became ICE) joined the U.S. Marshals and the Federal Bureau of Prisons in the partnership. Over the past year, the jail housed an average of 180 federal detainees per day. With an overall daily average population of 294, federal detainees now account for more than half of the Dodge County Jail's occupancy. This success confirms that the original goal set upon the facility's opening in February 2001—to utilize available capacity through federal partnerships—continues to be met.

The year 2025 began with the implementation of Sheriff Schmidt's revised staffing plan, which focused on reorganizing the Corrections Division leadership to improve operational efficiency and communication. Originally shared in June 2024, the plan was fully realized in January 2025 following months of planning, interviewing, and promotions. Under this new structure, each of the four correctional teams is led by a dedicated Lieutenant, supported by two Sergeants—a transition made possible by reducing the total number of Sergeants assigned to a team from twelve to eight. A ninth sergeant was appointed to a special assignment focused on jail training and programs (of note, the change was implemented with no demotions). These changes provide the Jail Administrator with a direct line of communication to a single leader per team and better define the chain of command for teams of 15 to 18 members.

Our staff remains our highest priority and most valuable resource. With this mindset, we have focused on the welfare and retention of our current team while aggressively recruiting new, talented officers to fill vacancies and alleviate the workload of our frontline staff. As employers nationwide navigate historically high turnover rates, Dodge County has seen significant success. Through the collaborative efforts of Dodge County Human Resources, the Sheriff's Office under Sheriff Schmidt, and the Jail's recruitment team led by Lieutenant Dusty Beck, we hired twenty-eight new full-time corrections officers in 2025. Additionally, we added ten part-time staff members to support corrections and transport operations.

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We are proud to have maintained our rigorous standards for new recruits while sustaining a total workforce of sixty-four full-time corrections officers. The dedication of our entire team—particularly those assigned to training our newest members—is a remarkable accomplishment that ensures the continued safety and professional integrity of the Dodge County Jail.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a federal law that aims to prevent sexual abuse and harassment in correctional facilities. In Wisconsin, PREA applies to jails, state prisons, and other correctional facilities.

A security enhancement was completed within certain housing areas. An area of interest (AOI) was identified during a routine review of PREA investigations in 2023. We addressed this issue by adjusting current cameras and the purchase multiple cameras to enhance our officers' camera views within those identified sections. The work in 2025 included additional camera views added to the project that began in 2024. The additional views increase our security and have a significant impact on successful disposition of PREA claims. The overall impact is a safer and more secure jail for inmate/detainee population as well as our civilian staff and professional visitors.

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Booking Trends

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change
Male	2,398	2,735	3,315	3,704	3,855	+4.29%
Female	562	589	605	750	723	-3.6%
Total	2,960	3,324	3,920	4,454	4,578	+2.78%

Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change
City	2	0	0	0	0	0
County	1,750	1,866	2,047	2,516	2,454	-2.46%
FBOP	59	32	42	21	12	-42.86%
FED	246	250	286	415	377	-9.16%
ICE	398	621	1,078	1,000	1,262	+26.2%
Other	169	172	168	191	184	-3.67%
PRO	277	320	228	274	244	-10.95%
Sanction	59	63	71	37	45	+21.62%
Total	2,960	3,324	3,920	4,454	4,578	+2.78%

Jail Transports

Years	Trips	Miles
2021	674	99,910
2022	597	111,585
2023	691	129,569
2024	656	129,569
2025	656	117,264

Jail Transports

	Trips	Miles
USMS	410	66,751
ICE	246	50,513
Total	656	117,264

*These miles are reimbursed as part of a contract with the federal government

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Work Program, Self Improvement & Worship Programs

2025 participation for our inmate programs continued to provide consistent services for our Dodge County Jail population.

We have been successful in providing a number of religious study and worship opportunities for a diverse population. Our challenge of locating religious service providers that will travel to Juneau, Wis. has increased our ability to use our video meeting technology, on site, to provide services such as Ju'mah Muslim worship service, via video-meeting technology, each Friday.

In our kitchen, our food service provider, Aramark, successfully utilizes the work of selected inmate labor in food/meal preparation and cleanup. There were 7,540 split shifts scheduled in 2025. This averages approximately ten inmates/detainees per day working in the kitchen seven days a week throughout the year.

Our jail's laundry is staffed with a staff of six inmates/detainees during the year. All uniforms, underwear, sheets, and towels are washed 2x per week for an average of 300 inmates/detainees. Thousands of pounds of laundry are successfully washed and maintained each week.

Our car wash is used by all deputies, detectives and administrative staff of the Sheriff's Office for their assigned vehicles. The carwash was fully staffed (2 Inmates) more often this year compared to 2024. There were 879 shifts scheduled for the year, out of a possible 936, which was an increase from last year.

The inmate garden was staffed this year by 2 inmates that worked 6 days a week for about 6 hours a day in 2025. The inmates were also assigned to work in the carwash on scheduled days. There were 90 garden shifts scheduled on non-carwash days which was an increase from 2024. It is unknown how many total garden hours were worked due to carwash and garden work taking place together on carwash days. A vegetable cart was stocked with vegetables from the garden, which were free for the public to take and use. Garden vegetables were also utilized by Clearview.

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Work Opportunities

Detail	Events
Car Wash	879
Kitchen	7,540
Laundry	1,844
Pod Cleaning & Assisting	6,570
Garden	90
Sewing/Repair Inmate Uniforms	28

*Each event tied to work is equivalent to a four-hour work shift opportunity.

Self Improvement Opportunities

Detail	Events
Alcoholics Anonymous	884
GED	638
English as a Learning Language (ELL/ESL)	665

*Each event is equivalent to an inmate/detainee registered to attend.

Religious Services

Detail	Events
Sunday Christian Bible Study	951
Thursday Spanish Catholic Mass	893
Friday Jehovah's Witness Services	805
Friday Jum'ah (Muslim Service)	534
Sunday Christian Worship	685
Wednesday Catholic Mass	131

*Each event is equivalent to an inmate/detainee registered to attend.

Note: The current records system does not report individual participants. It does report a total of events, tied to individual attendance, that that took place for each category.

Public Safety Cadets



From Left: Deputy Alex Nell, Deputy Zach Kuckkahn, Deputy Scott Anderson, Cadet Brianna Zinke, Sergeant Bradley Kulibert, Cadet Gracie Uplinger, Cadet Captain Kenneth Alsum, Cadet Brady Zitlow, Cadet Lieutenant Liam Wellach, Cadet Sergeant Peyton Peiper, Cadet Jena Norenberg, Cadet Zaiden Benzel, Deputy Cody Bratz, Deputy Daniel Croft, Deputy Jay Thielmann



Cadets/Deputies not photographed:
Cadet Brady Nelson, Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn, and Deputy Easton Meier.

About the Program

- The Public Safety Cadets is a program aimed at the youth of our community. It is sponsored by all Dodge County law enforcement agencies and reaches out to youth looking at law enforcement as a career choice. It is open to high school and college students ages 14-21.
- The Public Safety Cadets are in their 17th year. The group was formerly known as the Dodge County Law Enforcement Explorer Post. There were 14 cadets in the program this year.

Stats

Year start — 8 Cadets

Cadets Departing — 3

New Cadets in 2025 — 6

End of year total — 11

Total 2025 Participants — 14

Advisors

A total of nine advisors all from the Dodge County Sheriff's Office supported the cadets and supervised 24 meetings and trainings. Those advisors are: Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Deputy Scott Anderson, Sergeant Bradley Kulibert, Deputy Zachary Kuckkahn, Deputy Easton Meier, Deputy Alex Nell, Deputy Cody Bratz, Deputy Jay Thielmann, and Deputy Jerad Landheer.

Command Staff

- Captain Kenneth Alsum
- Lieutenant Liam Wellach
- Sergeant James Wanic (
- Sergeant Peyton Peiper

Public Safety Cadets

Cadet of the Year



From left: Deputy Zach Kuckkahn, Deputy Scott Anderson, Cadet Captain Kenneth Alsum, Deputy Daniel Croft, and Deputy Alex Nell

The Cadet of the Year Award was presented to Cadet Captain Kenneth Alsum. Kenneth runs all post functions, serving as the head, and creates sign-up sheets for volunteer activities. He is crucial to the current posts' function and is a valuable member of the team. Kenneth additionally attended numerous volunteer events and set up several fundraisers during 2025. With the award, he was awarded a scholarship for schooling of his choice. **Congratulations Kenneth!**

Rookie of the Year



Cadet Lieutenant Liam Wellach was presented with the Rookie of the Year award. Liam joined the post and was eager to get involved. Liam attended numerous training and volunteer events during 2025. James was recently selected to become the post's next Cadet lieutenant.

Congratulations Liam!

From left: Deputy Zach Kuckkahn, Deputy Scott Anderson, Cadet Lieutenant Liam Wellach, Deputy Daniel Croft, and Deputy Alex Nell

Public Safety Cadets

Competitions/Conferences



From left: Cadet Sergeant Peyton Peiper, Cadet Jena Norenberg, Cadet Gracie Uplinger, Cadet Lieutenant Liam Wellach, Cadet Brady Zitlow, and Cadet Captain Kenneth Alsum

In 2025, the Cadets participated in the Brown County Cadet Competition, Summer Showdown in Ontario, California, and the WLEEEA State Conference. During each competition, the Cadets are graded on different events to include vehicle contact, force options, tactical medicine, incident command, crisis intervention, domestic disturbance, and dispatch operations. In the Brown County Competition, the Cadets placed first in Traffic Stop. At the WLEEEA State Conference, the Cadets placed second in Force Options.

Events

The Public Safety Cadets participated in the following community service projects:
Dodge CountyFair | Trunk or Treat | DodgeCounty Sheriff's OfficeSWAT Training

Cadets Hired in Law Enforcement

We are aware of 23 Public Safety Cadets (formerly Explorers) have been hired for law enforcement type positions since the inception of this program. We are confident there are more, but it is difficult to follow all the cadets after they leave or graduate from the program.

Support Staff

Sheriff Dale Schmidt
Support Staff Supervisor David Zirbel
Support Staff Supervisor Rachel Davison

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office Support Division consists of two support supervisors, 10 full-time support specialists, and one part-time support specialist. Support specialists maintain accurate record-keeping, provide responsive community engagement, and have demonstrated a strong commitment to service excellence by collaborating across teams and adapting to evolving organizational needs. In 2025, the support staff from the main sheriff's office building and the jail were brought under shared supervisory leadership, creating a more unified and collaborative structure.



David Zirbel

Support Staff Supervisor

21 years with Dodge County 8.5 years in current role

I enjoy how each day is different as no two days are the same.

Reflecting on 2025,
we asked our team:

“What do you enjoy most about your role or about working at the sheriff's office?”



Rachel Davison

Support Staff Supervisor

4 years with Dodge County | 1 year in current role

I appreciate that my work is dynamic and continually challenges me to learn and advance. Being able to serve our community while building meaningful connections with coworkers who feel like family is what I love most about my job.



Support Staff



Summer Flasch

**Public Safety Administrative Specialist –
Technology & Sheriff**

4 years with Dodge County | 1 year in current role

What I enjoy the most about my role is the creative and social media aspect. I shoot, edit, and post all the content that gets sent out across all of our socials.



Jodi Zitlow

**Public Safety Administrative Support Specialist –
Civil Process, Accounting, and Training**

15 years with Dodge County | 14 years in current role

What I enjoy most about my role is that it has variety, it is always busy and never boring, and it gives me the ability to work with many co-workers and help the public.



Denise Deibert

**Public Safety Administrative Specialist –
Open Record and Reports**

21.5 years with Dodge County | 7.5 years in current role

I enjoy the variety of job duties that include processing open records, proofreading reports, sending documents to the district attorney's office, and being back-up to civil process. Due to the fact that open record laws have changed in the last couple of years, keeping up with them is very important. Because of this, I continue to be efficient in processing the requests and disseminating the records in a timely manner.



Curtis Deboer

**Public Safety Administrative Specialist
– Open Records**

2 years with Dodge County and in current role

I really enjoy working for the Dodge County Sheriff's Office because every division works well together and has its own special role. I enjoy the variety of work that I perform whether it is sending out simple crash reports to people, or preparing complex requests for incidents where lots of redactions need to be made.

Support Staff



Nichole Miller

Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Evidence

4 years with Dodge County and in current role

I enjoy a lot of the aspects of my job, especially that even though I do a lot of the same routines each day, the details of that routine are different. I never know what type of property I'm going to receive in the evidence room, where that property is going to need to go, or the work that may be needed to find a disposition for that piece of property. I also have had the opportunity to assist on scene for evidence collection. At the sheriff's office I cross-train with co-workers, which I enjoy doing because I enjoy my co-workers. What can I say, I love my job!



Nichole Krentz

Administrative Support Specialist – Reception and Custody Evaluations

25 years with Dodge County | 10 years in current role

I started as a Corrections Officer and was then hired as a Deputy Secretary in the jail. I enjoyed both positions, but after being an officer for 14 years, I was ready for a change (the weekends and holidays off didn't hurt). I appreciate the people I work with, both in administration and the Corrections Officers in the jail. I also like how every day is different, never gets boring.

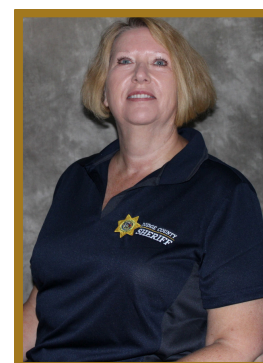


Annette Duckett

Administrative Support Specialist – Reception and Training

36 years with Dodge County | 21 years in current role

What I like most about working for Dodge County is the team atmosphere.



Kimberly Gillen

Administrative Support Specialist – Traffic

3.5 years with Dodge County | 2.5 years in current role

Helping people brings satisfaction to me, whether during a phone call, in person at the lobby or in civil court. When someone needs help, big or small, they can be confident in seeking help at the sheriff's office.

Support Staff



Pam Grosskopf

**Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Jail
Financial**

26.75 years with Dodge County and in current role

The best part of my job is the variety of duties I have and the chances to help others due to my position and experience. It's also nice to be part of the support staff at the jail that work well together despite each having different tasks and responsibilities.



Amanda Hensen

**Administrative Support Specialist – Jail
Administration and Scheduling**

4 years with Dodge County and in current role

I enjoy working with the team that is here and the teamwork and support that everyone has. Each day in my role is different and presents its own challenges to work through, along with the continuous growth and learning.



Karen Engels

**Administrative Support Specialist – Jail
Contracts and Scheduling**

20 years with Dodge County and in current role

I enjoy the challenge of coordinating a transport schedule each week and interacting with the many people along the way. Over my 20 years with the sheriff's office, it has been interesting and rewarding to watch the program evolve.

Dodge County's Most Wanted

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office Most Wanted program is an effort to resolve outstanding Dodge County warrants. When this program started there were close to 800 active Dodge County warrants. There are a variety of different warrants including warrants for failure to appear in court, traffic offenses, misdemeanors, felonies, child support and others. Some of the individuals that are wanted will never be held accountable for the offenses they have committed or restitution that is owed to their victims unless they are brought before the court. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office feels it is very important to bring these individuals in front of a judge so that the victims, witnesses and the courts can finally bring resolution to these cases.

Most Wanted	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Listed on Website	120	120	120	120	120
Apprehended	91	111	93	103	97

