



Oconto County Sheriff's Office

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2016 Annual Report

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The Oconto County Sheriff's Office consists of 67 employees. There are 26 sworn employees; Sheriff, Chief Deputy, 4 Lieutenants, 1 Court Security, 1 Recreational Officer, 12 Patrol Deputies, 2 K9 Handlers, and 4 Investigators. There are 41 civilian employees; 12 Dispatchers, 3 Support Staff, 1 Jail Administrator, 6 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, and 15 Correctional Officers.

The Sheriff's Office provides both specialized and in-service training within each division of the department. The department continues to meet the Wisconsin Training and Standards Bureau requirement of the mandatory 24-hour training for all sworn personnel and correctional officers.

Adult Jail/Juvenile Housing

The Oconto County Sheriff's Office has a jail with a capacity of 69 adult prisoners, of these 52 are long term and 17 are specialized. Due to overcrowding, the adult jail housed inmates in Forest, Marinette, Shawano, Langlade, and Outagamie Counties. Adult out-of-county housing costs totaled \$327,103.68 in 2016, compared to \$235,158.00 in 2015 and \$304,087.12 in 2014. Juvenile out-of-county housing costs totaled \$57,335.00 in 2016 compared to \$34,360 in 2015 and \$39,120.00 in 2014.

Communications Center

The Oconto County Sheriff's Office Communications Center operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The dispatchers are in constant radio contact with Sheriff Deputies, municipal law enforcement agencies, EMS, and fire agencies while answering telephones, sending and receiving messages on the Teletype system, and monitoring a number of public and private alarm systems. The dispatchers are responsible for answering emergency and non-emergency phone calls and radio transmissions for the Sheriff's Office as well as for the county police departments. The staff also dispatches for fire departments and ambulance services. Each dispatcher must be certified on the TIME System by the Crime Information Bureau. The Communications Center is also responsible for entry of missing persons, run away juveniles, restraining orders, injunctions, stolen items, as well as all warrants issued by the court system.

The staff received a total of 18,951 calls for service in 2016; compared to 17,463 in 2015, and 17,949 calls in 2014. These calls generated 24,623 law agency incident involvements; 2,535 fire department incident involvements; and 7,670 EMS incident involvements. (One call received by our communication center may require paging out one or more agencies-law, fire and/or EMS-creating the involvements to that particular call, thus the number of involvements exceeds the number of calls received.)

The dispatch staff processed 804 warrants in 2016, compared to 792 in 2015 and 784 in 2014. Of these, there were 134 bench warrants of arrest, 4 juvenile arrest, 1 missing person, 18 juvenile runaway, 7 restraining orders, 18 temporary restraining orders, 11 injunctions, and 611 arrest warrants.

Sworn Deputy Sheriff

Patrol, Investigation, Recreational Officer, Court Security

The Oconto County Sheriff's Office Deputies provide service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The 14 Patrol Deputies and 4 Lieutenants provide full law enforcement services for all townships, village, and municipalities that do not maintain a 24-hour law enforcement agency, and also assist other law enforcement agencies within the county as requested. The Patrol division responds to and investigates all criminal activity reported or observed, including homicide, domestic violence, disturbances, death, burglary, theft, damage to property, weapons, sexual assaults, other assaults, narcotics, suspicious person/vehicle/circumstances, trespassing, wanted persons, 911 calls, alarms and traffic offenses and accidents. The Recreational Officer enforces the recreational laws of snowmobiling, boating, and ATV, accident reconstruction investigations, and routine deputy duties. The Sheriff's Office has two K9 units. These K9's assist in the prevention and detection of crime.

The 4 Investigators are responsible for conducting initial and follow up investigations of criminal or suspected criminal activities, including death investigations, property crimes, fraud and white collar crimes, felonies, sex crimes, misdemeanors or illegal drug activities. These investigations include the interviewing of witnesses, suspects and victims, and collecting of evidence. The Court Security Officer maintains security and order in the courts and escorts prisoners from the jail to court.

The number of law incidents handled by the Sheriff's Office for 2016 was 13,552 compared to 12,079 for 2015; and 12,477 for 2014.

There were 1572 reportable accidents in 2016, compared to 1291 in 2015 and 1211 in 2014. Of these, 721 were property damage; 142 were personal injury, 686 were car/deer, 13 were car/bear, 4 were car/turkey, and 6 fatalities. (Fatalities: 16 in 2015, 6 in 2014; 6 in 2013, 5 in 2012; 6 in 2011; 10 in 2010; 8 in 2009)

1508 citations were issued in 2016, compared to 1000 in 2015 and 882 in 2014. These include State and County ordinance violations. 456 warnings were issued in 2016, compared to 220 in 2015; and 129 in 2014.

There were 1127 papers processed in 2016, compared to 1046 in 2015; and 1280 in 2014. There are many different types of civil papers to be served, from subpoenas to seizures of property, as well as foreclosure sales, evictions, and repossessions. Of the 1127, there were 56 Sheriff Foreclosure Sales in 2015, compared to 62 in 2015; and 102 in 2014.

Jail Division

The Oconto County Sheriff's Office jail facility operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The jail facility has a civilian staff of 26 correction officers who take care of the daily operations of the jail facility. This includes maintaining security of the facility daily, process booking and release of inmates, along with transporting inmates.

In 2016 there were 1590 adults booked into the Oconto County Jail, (1154 males and 436 females); compared to 1482 in 2015, (1130 males and 352 females); and 1,419 in 2014, (1072 males and 347 females).

Overall Budget Figures for 2016:

Budgeted Revenues \$609,447.34; actual \$570,872.63 – shortfall of (\$38,574.71)

Budgeted Expenses \$6,995,338.21; actual \$6,845,546.05 - under budget by \$149,792.16