

OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD

ANNUAL REPORT
2024





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I am proud to present the 2024 Annual Report for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. This report offers a snapshot of the core law-enforcement services we provide to more than 350,000 of Oakland County's 1.2 million residents, the 15 communities we serve, their local businesses, the operation of the Oakland County Jail , and the support services to all of Oakland County communities.

The year 2024 was marked by extraordinary challenges and profound loss. In June, our county was shaken by two senseless and heartbreaking tragedies. The first was a mass shooting at the Brooklands Plaza Splash Pad in Rochester Hills that injured 10 people, including several young children. Remarkably, no lives were lost, although some victims—among them a young boy—suffered permanent injuries. I firmly believe no one perished because of our amazing response where numerous tourniquets were applied by our personnel. Investigators quickly identified the suspect, and we were able to quickly contain him in his home, where he ultimately died by suicide before he could be brought to justice.

Just days later, our agency suffered a devastating blow with the ambush murder of one of our own. On June 22, Detective Bradley Reckling—a devoted husband, father of three young children, and with a fourth child on the way —was fatally shot while working undercover in Detroit. Detective Reckling was tracking a vehicle that had been stolen earlier from an Oakland County water park when his life was taken in the line of duty.

Brad's death left an immeasurable void—not only for his family, friends, and loved ones, but for this agency and the entire community we serve. I am grateful for the collaborative efforts of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, the Detroit Police Department, the Michigan State Police, and our own personnel. Through their collective work, three individuals were arrested and charged and in connection with Detective Reckling's murder.

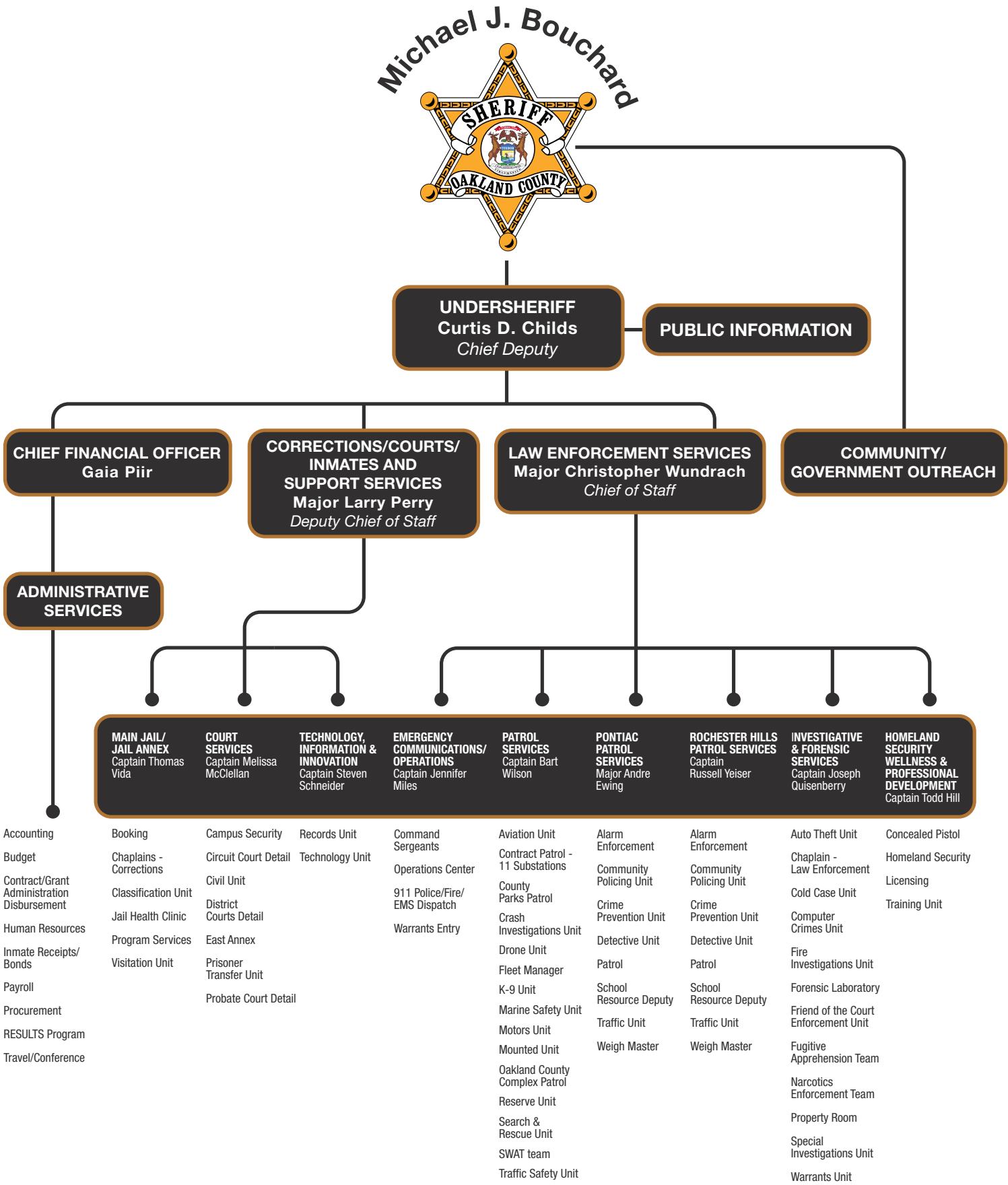
Despite these tragedies, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office remains steadfast in its mission. We are proud of the programs, initiatives, and partnerships that continue to keep our residents, businesses, and communities safe, secure, and engaged. The men and women of this Sheriff's Office are the public face of everything we do, and I am profoundly grateful for their professionalism, courage, and daily sacrifices.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and County Executive for their continued support of this agency.

We welcome your questions, concerns, and ideas, and I encourage you to contact the Sheriff's Office if there is anything we can do to better serve you. As we look ahead, let us all hope for a safe, healthy, and peaceful 2025.



Michael J. Bouchard
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OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF





ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: *Gaia V. Piir*

Administrative Services is the fiscal arm of the Sheriff's Office, managing a budget of more than \$183 million annually. It directs all business and human resources functions, including budget, procurement, grant applications, compliance and reporting, contract administration, accounting and any key function associated with the hiring and retention of all job classifications for about 1,400 employees. The division maintains accounting, payroll, uniforms, supplies, benefits and inmate account deposits such as bonds, fines and other costs.



Gaia V. Piir

FY 2023 REVENUES

Contract Law Enforcement Services	\$58,502,556
Contract Dispatch Services	\$2,774,442
Contract Court Services	\$626,558
Inmate Board and Care - Main Jail	\$274,073
Tether Program	\$26,724
Deferred Offender	\$1,368,435
Drug & Alcohol Testing	\$437,358
Reimbursement of Salaries	\$6,095,734

HUMAN RESOURCES STATISTICS

Applications Processed	1,085
Criminal Histories for Applicants	232
Background Investigations	206
APPOINTMENTS	176
Full-Time	124
Part-Time Non-Eligible	52
RETIREMENT/ SEPARATIONS	131
Full-Time	93
PTNE	38

FISCAL YEAR 2023 (Oct 1, 2022 - Sept 30, 2023)	
Purchasing Contracts	58
Grant Awards*	23
Grant Applications	15
Purchase Orders Issued	1,573
P-Card Transactions (Accounting Staff)	1,817
OCSO Procurement Card Holders	36
OCSO Expense Card Holders	12
P-Card Verifications (for all OCSO P-Card Holders)	2,694
Expense Reports	1,687
Spend Authorizations	159
Supplier Invoice Requests	383
Journal Entries/ Cash Sales	723
Bond Credit Card Payments	889
Credit Card Deposits (OCJ)**	20,715

*The total grant awards received does not include multi-year grants that are currently active, but were awarded in prior fiscal years.
 **Credit card transactions for this vendor did not begin until 11/29/22

RESULTS PROGRAM

The Results Program began in 2009 to provide professional drug and alcohol testing for court probationers, clients, agents, courts and the public for a reasonable fee. Testing is available seven days a week at offices in Pontiac and Troy. Parents may bring their child to a testing site and request a drug test or a preliminary breath test to check for alcohol. Deputies administer the tests and toxicologists provide results. Test results are quick, accurate and uncompromised.

DRUG TESTS: 14,510 | ALCOHOL TESTS: 16,859



CORRECTIONS / COURTS/ PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF: *Major Larry Perry*

MAIN JAIL/ANNEX

COMMAND: *Captain Thomas Vida*

Executive Lieutenant Kathleen Mickens

Corrections and Court Services provides for the security and operation of corrections and court facilities and inmate and support services. The division oversees the Main Jail, Main Jail Annex, East Annex and assess the needs of each inmate and non-custody offenders serving a sentence outside the jail.



Major Larry Perry



Captain Thomas Vida

The Oakland County Jail manages the care and custody of inmates, providing clothing, food and medical care in a safe and secure environment. The East Annex houses a maximum of 398 minimum or low-medium security inmates in a dorm-like setting. Inmates there are required to clean the facility, provide meal services, and perform laundry duties, among other tasks. Services offered to inmates include counseling, crisis intervention, adult education, recreation, stabilization of mentally ill inmates, visitation and chaplaincy. It also includes placement of eligible inmates into programs that reduce the days needed to complete their court-ordered sentences.

INMATE COMMISSARY SALES

Total Commissary Sales: \$2,951,750 | Total Commission: \$1,337,113

2024 INMATE POPULATION REPORT													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Main Jail	632	633	629	623	626	634	638	635	640	646	644	638	7,618
Annex / Male	272	284	282	275	281	291	278	275	290	280	280	280	3,368
Annex / Female	109	111	111	110	112	113	114	116	114	116	113	114	1,353
East Annex													0
General Population	1,013	1,028	1,022	1,008	1,019	1,038	1,030	1,026	1,044	1,042	1,037	1,032	12,339
Intake / Clinic	82	80	95	81	83	98	95	109	120	153	110	93	1,199
In Custody	1,095	1,108	1,117	1,089	1,102	1,136	1,125	1,135	1,164	1,195	1,147	1,125	13,538
Inmates Admitted	926	977	1,002	1,057	1,126	1,077	1,095	1,126	1,001	1,009	926	926	12,247
Inmates Released	952	951	1,087	1,014	1,134	1,055	1,136	1,069	987	1,052	961	993	12,386



15,174
VIDEO ARRAIGNMENTS IN 2024

5,365
VIDEO VISITATIONS IN 2024

20,776
VIDEO VISITATION HOURS IN 2024

2024 HOSPITAL WATCHES

459 TOTAL WATCHES

17,940 TOTAL HOURS

ARAMARK YEAR END TOTALS 2024

24,811
INMATE SNACK LUNCHES

1,324,090
INMATE MEALS

1,348,901
TOTAL MEALS PROVIDED

GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT STATISTICS - 2024	
GIU INVESTIGATIONS 2024 (TOTAL)	329
GIU G File (Normal Investigations)	243
GIU Requests for Assistance (Outside Agencies)	70
GIU Inmates of Focus (IOF's)	8
GIU Social Media Investigations (SM's)	4
GIU Prison Reports to MDOC STG (PR's)	15
GIU Officer Safety Bulletins (OSB's)	18
GIU Hub Reports	40
GIU CLEMIS REPORTS	46
GIU Related Kites/Grievances	54
GIU Smart Mail Sanctions	28

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT INCLUDED:

- Assisted in a Southfield Police Department investigation of an inmate who was repeatedly threatening his victim. This led to two additional charges for witness intimidation and the presentation of a charge of solicitation for murder.
- Assisted the Detroit Police Department in the confiscation of the clothing of a newly lodged inmate. The inmate had an overnight crime spree that consisted of killing his twin brother, carjacking, unlawful driving away of an automobile and fleeing.
- GIU assisted the Waterford Police Department investigate a shooting at an Airbnb.
- Monitored an inmate who was coercing other inmates into intimidating a witness, leading to sentencing enhancement charges upon the inmate's conviction.
- An investigation revealed a young child was at risk. The mother was incarcerated, and the child was left in a house known for drug sales and prostitution. The child was placed in protective custody.
- Conducted a threat assessment of an individual who was threatening to "Go to war" with the Sheriff's Office. The subject was arrested.
- Waterford Police Department's Special Investigations Unit asked for help in a human trafficking investigation. The unit's involvement led to additional charges against the Oakland County Jail inmate.
- Investigated and debunked an inmate's allegations that his 13-year-old daughter was being trafficked between Toledo, Detroit and Pontiac.

PROGRAM SERVICES

The Sheriff’s Program Services staff provides services to the inmate population housed within and outside the Oakland County Jail system in various ways and services.

POST-BOOK JAIL DIVERSION OF THE MENTALLY ILL (JAWS)

JAWS had 228 successful completions. JAWS completions provided 3,380 jail bed days saved.

SHERIFF’S COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR MISDEMEANOR PROGRAM

255 successful completions. CBP/LESP-M completions have provided 9,059 jail bed days saved.

HOME CONFINEMENT ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM (EMP TETHER)

EMP had 34 successful completions. The monthly average participants for 2024 were 8. EMP completions have provided 1,742 jail bed days saved.

WORK RELEASE TETHER PROGRAM (WRTP)

Work Release Tether had 54 successful completions. Work Release completions have provided 5,358 jail bed days saved.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAM (MAT)

Accomplishments: The jail MAT Program achieved the gold standard of care for inmates with opioid addiction, certified by the Wayne State University School of Social Work Center for Behavioral Health and Justice, for implementing all elements of best practices. Additionally, Opioid Settlement Funds allowed for expansion of the program to include all opioid involved inmates, with 941 inmates screened for MAT services, with 336 individuals deemed eligible to participate. All received behavioral health, peer support and were set up with release planning.

AA AND NA VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

In 2024, 2,569 inmates were eligible to attend one of these 12-step groups. A total of 1,339 inmates participated in 12-step meetings, 961 attended the Annex facility, 378 attended the Main Jail.

JAIL CLASSIFICATIONS UNIT

The Classification Unit classified 7,672 inmates and prepped 8,330 inmates.

Female: 1,626 | Male: 6,046

NARCAN MACHINE

Boxes Distributed | 43

CELL EXTRACTION TEAM STATISTICS – 2024

YEAR	TOTAL INCIDENTS	RESTRAINT CHAIR	SPECIAL TRANSPORTS	VEHICLE EXTRACTIONS
2024	210	55	15	60
2023	167	58	12	35
2022	122	64	8	31

The Cell Extraction Team (CET) responds to inmate disturbances, high risk inmates and handles high risk transport. Team members train monthly to ensure members are proficient in tactical procedures, including de-escalation techniques, riot control, defensive tactics, and restraint chair use.

INMATE CASEWORK

Inmate Caseworkers manage the jail population including mental health services.

- Total New Intake Referrals | 3,613
- New Intake Referrals Immediate in Nature | 1,405
- Inmates referred to Jail Psychiatrist | 2,016
- Total Active Suicide and Behavior Watch Reviews | 1,997
- Total Crisis Referrals | 2,228
- Total Inmate Contacts | 8,975

PROGRAMS ADDED IN 2024

- Alliance of Coalition Resolve Program, a 12-week behavior modification weekly group.
- Chance for Life re-entry support program, remote and group support.
- North American Learning Institute – expansion of inmate participation to 13 personal growth and development tablet courses.

COURT SERVICES

COMMAND: *Captain Melissa McClellan*

Court services provides security for Oakland County’s circuit, family and probate courts, district courts in Bloomfield Township, Clarkston, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Madison Heights, Novi, Rochester Hills, Southfield and Troy. That includes security for each courtroom and judges’ chambers, and the office of the County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Friend of the Court, Prosecutor and Treasurer as well as the Oakland County Board of Commissioner offices and auditorium.

In 2024, the Sixth Circuit Court, Oakland County district courts (52-1st, 52-2nd, 52-3rd, and 52-4th), and the Friend of Court welcomed 742,685 visitors through security screening stations, an increase of 110,917 or 16% more visitors. During screenings, 2,121 edged weapons were intercepted and 369 were confiscated.



Captain Melissa McClellan

**VISITORS ENTERED THROUGH THE DISTRICT COURTS: 742,685**

COURT SERVICES OVERTIME HOURS

Court Services Satellites Division worked a total of 19,001 hours of overtime, compared to 13,625 hours in 2023 – an increase of 39 percent.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

WEAPONS

In 2024, deputies intercepted two firearms and one Taser from entering the courthouse. Deputies also intercepted 2,121 edged weapons (12 edged weapons were intercepted from attorneys) and 369 were confiscated. Weapons include straight knives, pocket knives, scissors, brass knuckles, daggers, razors, box cutters, wallet knives, and other edged weapons. Deputies intercepted 312 mace/pepper spray containers (six mace containers were intercepted from attorneys) and 64 were confiscated.

VISITORS ENTERING THROUGH COURT HOUSE SECURITY AREAS

In 2024, the total number of visitors entering Circuit Court was 308,546. In 2024, an increase of 26.4% over the 244,075 visitors in 2023.

FRIEND OF THE COURT

RECOVERED EDGED WEAPONS

Deputies intercepted 369 edged weapons, in which 11 were confiscated. Weapons include straight knives, pocketknives, scissors, brass knuckles, daggers, razors, box cutters, wallet knives, cat knuckles, and other edged weapons. A total of 62 Mace/Pepper spray containers were intercepted.

DISTRICT COURT

In 2024, 393,896 visitors entered through the District Courts.

TOTAL WEAPONS COLLECTED AT DISTRICT COURTS AND SATELLITES SITES

4,154 edged weapons intercepted; 155 of those weapons were confiscated.

ADDITIONAL SECURITY LOCATIONS

Deputies provide safety and security at multiple locations on the Oakland County campus and at off-site locations. Duties include security screenings, deputy presence, courtroom security, and public relations and assistance.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING (EOB)

Deputies provide security coverage at the EOB during normal operating hours, totaling 4,846 hours, and a total of 90 deputy hours for after-hour details.

WATER RESOURCE COMMISSION (WRC 95 WEST)

Deputies provide security for the Water Resource Commission office, totaling 2,340 hours.

WATER RESOURCE COMMISSION (OPDYKE)

Part-time deputies began providing security for the Water Resource Commission’s Opdyke location in Pontiac, totaling 1,976 hours.

OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION

Deputies provide security for the Oakland County Health Division located on the County Campus in Pontiac. In 2024, deputies worked 3,836 hours. There were no significant incidents to report.

OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION

Deputies provide security for the Oakland County Health Department in Southfield. In 2024, deputies worked 3,762 hours. There were no significant incidents to report.

NORTH OFFICE BUILDING (NOB)

Deputies provide security for the North Office Building. In August of 2024, deputies resumed security services and worked 1,616 hours from August to December. There were no significant incidents to report.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (BOC)

Deputies provide security for select Board of Commissioner meetings. In 2024, deputies were assigned to 204 details, a decrease from 211 details in 2023. In 2024, deputies worked a total of 1,874 hours - reflecting an increase of 92 hours worked.

CIVIL UNIT

The Sheriff’s Office Civil Unit is under the command of Court Services Satellites Division. The Civil Unit is responsible for serving court documents related to civil matters. Civil matter court documents include:

Civil Process

- Summons & Complaints
- Subpoenas
- Small Claims
- Notice of Hearings
- Garnishments
- Property Seizures
- Personal Protection Orders
- Notice of Eviction (Service of Notice only) Sheriff’s Office does not handle the eviction.

Administrative personnel in the civil unit are responsible for all incoming civil service court documents, including:

- Collect documents and fees.
- Enter services in databases for distribution to special deputies for service of documents.
- Review completed proofs of services.
- Enter service date/time in databases and issue proof documents to parties requesting service.
- Process incoming Sheriff deeds, adjournments and fees associated with each property.
- Attend all Sheriff sales.
- Process claims for overbids.
- File proofs of service for Personnel Protection Orders in the Sixth Circuit Court*

*All other proofs of service will be filed by the party requesting service.

REVENUE RECEIVED MONTHLY

In 2023, revenue from civil services totaled \$228,160, an increase from \$205,863 in 2022.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND OPERATIONS

COMMAND: Captain Jennifer Miles

The Sheriff’s Office operates the second largest police/fire/EMS dispatch center in Michigan. It handles all 911 emergency, non-emergency and administrative calls along with emergency fire and police dispatching for the contracted law enforcement areas of the Sheriff’s Office, 11 local law enforcement agencies, 19 local fire departments, Oakland County Parks and Recreation, and the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center.



Captain Jen Miles

Call takers are fully trained and certified by the International Emergency Academies of Dispatch in emergency telecommunications, and among only a handful of agencies trained in the three protocol disciplines: emergency medical dispatch, emergency fire dispatch, and emergency police dispatch. The staff provides consistent, reliable, and proven service to all callers who may need services by providing pre-arrival and post-dispatch instructors. These instructions often calm callers, prepare the scene and allow the caller to provide proper aid until advanced help arrives.

The division is a central hub of information on alarms, alerts, notifications, warrants and other law enforcement and fire sensitive information that is used on a regular basis.

In 2024, staff attended more than a cumulative 15,500 hours of training to maximize their skills as the county completed upgrades to its radio and 911 system. Additionally, instructors taught three dispatch academies and helped implement other new training programs. Newly hired dispatch specialists attended a total of almost 10,000 training hours, and another 10,000 hours of on-the-job training.

An added focus was on the tactical dispatcher to address high-stress, high-risk, on-going police, and fire scenes such as SWAT responses, Search and Rescue Operations response, hazmat situations, special unit undercover operations, and other large-scale incidents.

EMERGENCY DISPATCH CALLS



2024 TELEPHONE AND CALL FOR SERVICE STATISTICS

The Sheriff’s Operation Center managed more than half a million calls in 2024. The primary source of 911 calls – 83 percent – is from cell phones. In 2024, location services were updated which allowed the center to receive a more precise caller location using the caller’s device location rather than relying on a transmission tower. This improvement allowed almost 40,000 callers to be properly routed and alleviate transfers and call wait times. The call takers generated 471,309 calls for service that were handled by our police and fire dispatch telecommunicators. This resulted in over a million radio transmissions.

2024 OPERATIONS CENTER WARRANTS UNIT STATISTICS

The Warrants Unit is responsible for over 31,000 warrants already in the system which require research, entry, validation, second-party checks, packing, and confirmation from the 15 District Courts in Oakland County and 6th Circuit Court. Every warrant is validated and checked for accuracy.

Total Warrants Handled in 2024 | 10,427

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

CHIEF OF STAFF: *Major Christopher Wundrach*

Law Enforcement Services and its divisions provide a full complement of police services to residents, visitors, and businesses throughout Oakland County. Divisions include Patrol Services, Investigative and Forensic Services, Emergency Communications Operations and Emergency Response and Preparedness.

- City of Pontiac
- City of Rochester Hills



Major Christopher Wundrach

PATROL SERVICES

COMMAND: *Captain Bart Wilson*

Lieutenant Anthony Spencer

The Sheriff's Office Road Patrol provides primary police services to over 351,000 Oakland County residents. The Patrol Services Division contracts with 10 townships, three cities and two villages to provide police protection. The contracting concept allows municipalities to customize police services that best suit the needs of each individual community. Contracted police services include uniform patrol, traffic enforcement, weigh master enforcement, patrol investigator, school liaison officer and various levels of police command.



Captain Bart Wilson

Patrol Services also provides countywide police support that includes the following units:

- 416 Traffic Unit
- Motorcycle Traffic Unit
- Crash Reconstruction Unit
- Marine Patrol
- Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team (SSRT)
- Southeast Michigan Dive Group
- County Parks Patrol
- Bicycle Unit
- Canine Unit
- Mounted Unit
- Reserve Deputy Unit

Major events and locations requiring our services in 2024 included the Woodward Dream Cruise, Michigan Renaissance Festival, National Cemetery in Holly, assisted U.S. Secret Service with numerous motorcade details, Roadkill Nights, Festival of Hills Fireworks Show, Somerset Collection Mall, Michigan State Fair, Oakland County International Airport Open House, Taste of Clarkston and assists to numerous Oakland County agencies for holiday parades and events. Sheriff's Office units also assisted the Michigan State Police with emergency responses to Interstate 75, I-96, Rose, Holly and Groveland Townships when troopers were not available or requested assistance.



Total Calls for Service: 319,700



Total Arrests: 8,279

The following Oakland County municipalities contract for police services:

- Addison Township
- Charter Township of Brandon
- City of the Village of Clarkston
- Charter Township of Commerce
- Charter Township of Highland
- Charter Township of Independence
- Charter Township of Lyon
- Charter Township of Oakland
- Charter Township of Orion
- Charter Township of Oxford
- City of Pontiac
- Charter Township of Springfield
- City of Rochester Hills
- The Village of Leonard
- The Village of Ortonville
- Oakland County Parks

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

416 TRAFFIC UNIT

The 416 Traffic Unit is a state-funded program designed to provide traffic enforcement on secondary roads within Oakland County. The 416 Traffic Unit is available, upon request, to any police agency in Oakland County for any traffic-related enforcement and assistance including accident investigation. This group of highly trained deputies is a mobile strike force that can respond to serious multiple car crashes or police emergencies anywhere in the county. Through daily directed patrols, the 416 Traffic Unit has helped make secondary roads safer for Oakland County residents. It also emphasizes the importance of educating the public about safe driving through numerous community initiatives and zero tolerance enforcement programs including:

- High Visibility Enforcement
- Click It or Ticket
- Drunk Driving: Over the Limit/Under Arrest

Through daily directed patrols, the 416 Traffic Unit has helped to make our secondary roads safer.

CRASH RECONSTRUCTION UNIT

The Crash Reconstruction Unit consists of one sergeant and five deputies. They respond on a 24/7 basis to serious injury and fatal vehicle crashes for our agency and for any other police agency needing our assistance.

MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC UNIT

The Motorcycle Unit was re-established in 1999 by Sheriff Bouchard and has proven to be an asset to law enforcement and community relations. The unit, with 20 deputies, is one of the largest motorcycle units in Michigan. Each deputy must complete a rigorous 80-hour training course. A 3-day recertification course is required at the beginning of each new riding season.

2024 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS	
Traffic Citations	36,284
Crash Investigation Call Outs - Fatal	21
Crash Investigation Call Outs - Serious	35

AVIATION UNIT

The Aviation Unit provides aerial patrol and emergency responses to every municipality and police agency in Oakland and surrounding counties around the clock. The unit operates two helicopters equipped with sophisticated avionics, electronics, and camera equipment.

The aircraft are a “force multiplier” for law enforcement, supporting ground units. The FLIR camera, Night Sun search light, downlink system and the ability to communicate with every police and fire agency in the county serve as testimony to the tremendous asset the Aviation Unit provides. The Aerocomputer mapping system creates map overlays and specific parcel data which makes property lines visible, making air-to-ground coordination easier and more efficient.

In addition, the Aviation Unit provides overwatch for multiple large events throughout Oakland County including the Dream Cruise, Arts, Beats & Eats and the State Fair. A large part of the Aviation Units duties includes responding to searches for fleeing suspects. It also assists with search and rescue operations in conjunction with SSRT for missing juveniles, lost people, elderly, and Alzheimer’s patients and missing suicidal subjects.

In 2024, the until spent 278 hours in the air.

Aviation Unit response for 2024 include:

- Calls for service: 116
- Assist OCSO: 60
- Assist other agencies: 19
- AOD (out county): 4
- Special Event/Overwatch: 14 events
- Patrol Flights: 104
- Search and Rescue: 29
- Pursuits/Fleeing Suspect: 6
- Assist Special Units: 6



TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP

The Technical Support Group provides a specialized response to critical incidents and major events. It brings a diverse collection of assets and capabilities to address the ever-expanding difficulties public safety faces, combining technology with traditional approaches to end an incident with a safe and expedient outcome. Responsibilities include search and rescue operations, aviation, robotics and uncrewed systems, incident command, SWAT operations, event security, and marine patrols.

SSRT

The Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Team (SSRT) is a specialized emergency response unit with a long history of dedicated service to the community. Originally founded in 1956, the unit has evolved to meet the demands of modern search and rescue operations, transforming into a full-scale team equipped to handle a variety of challenging environments.

One of Michigan’s few comprehensive search and rescue teams, SSRT serves Oakland County residents around the clock and provides statewide assistance upon request. SSRT addresses a broad spectrum of emergencies, from large-scale land searches and technical rescues to natural disaster response. Water rescue boats and ice rescue gear such as hovercrafts are used for cold-water emergencies. Drones and thermal imaging help locate missing people in hard-to-reach or dark areas. SSRT is a member of the Southeast Michigan Dive Group. This partnership allows for expanded resources and expertise in water rescue and recovery operations, providing swift and effective responses during large-scale emergencies throughout the region.

• Calls for Service (CFS) – Marine Division	1,114
• Public Meetings (attendance)	905
• Citizen Assists	407
• Hours of Jump Patrol	2,025
• Hours of Contracted Lake Patrol	2,461
• Assist Other Agency Hours	784
• Marine Citations	309
• Marine Warnings	2,988
• Boat Liveries Inspected	21
• Livery Boats Inspected	652
• Water Rescue	3
• Drownings	16
• Near Drownings	5
• Serious Boating Accidents	4
• Fatal Boating Accidents	1

SHERIFF’S SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM	
SSRT Total Callout	94
SSRT - Search and Rescue Hours (water)	1,548
SSRT - Search and Rescue Hours (land)	1,204
SSRT - Serious Boating Accident Investigations	4
SSRT - Fatal Boating Accidents Investigations	1
SSRT - Southeast Michigan Dive Group Callouts	283
Total Drownings reported to the Michigan DNR	50

CANINE UNIT (K9)

The Sheriff’s Office K9 Unit is considered the gold standard for K9 operations throughout the county and Michigan. It consists of 11 handlers, 14 active canines, and one accelerant detection canine attached to the IFS Arson Unit. We have specially trained and integrated three K9 teams into the SWAT Unit. In 2024, the unit received a private donation of a Labrador Retriever that was assigned to an existing handler and will be attached to the Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Team once training is completed.



In 2024, K9 teams responded to 697 calls throughout Oakland County and mutual aid pact agencies. The unit saw a significant uptick in explosives-related K9 building/motorcade sweeps and dignitary security assists to multiple local, state, and federal agencies due to the 2024 election cycle. We also saw an increase of K9 related public relations demonstrations throughout our communities.

2024 CANINE UNIT STATISTICS			
Total K9 Related CFS	817	Alarm-related Building Searches/ Checks	127
K9 Tracks	227	VIP Election Related Vehicle Explosive Sweeps	298
Narcotic Related Searches	45	SSRT/HRD Searches	25
Arson Accelerants Detection	12	SWAT Callouts	32
Evidentiary Article Searches	39	Public Relations Demos	95
Suspect Area Searches	73	K9 related Arrests	61
Suspect Building Searches	48	School Searches	33

2024 NARCOTICS RELATED SEIZURES			
Cocaine	130 gm	Meth	204 gm
Crack Cocaine	11.5 gm	Weapons	2
Heroin	9.5 gm		

MARINE UNIT

The Marine Unit – the largest in the state with more than 45 part-time deputies – provides services to Oakland County, with its 452 lakes and five rivers, totaling about 3,000 miles of shoreline and 70 square miles of water. The county has nearly 10 percent of all registered boats in Michigan. As one of the largest marine patrols inland, it plays a key role in maintaining safety and responding to incidents on the water.



The unit operates more than 20 patrol boats, a hovercraft, two rapid response boats as well as all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles assigned to the unit. Deputies conduct regular patrols and respond to a range of incidents, including safety checks and search and rescue operations. It contracts with 12 communities to provide patrols on 18 lakes throughout the county. Additionally, targeted seasonal patrols are conducted on high-traffic lakes to enhance safety, such as during Operation Dry Water, aimed at reducing boating under the influence.

The Sheriff’s Office provides boater safety courses at no cost to residents, Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) safety, and hunter safety, all taught by our highly trained deputies. These programs are open to all ages and are designed to help participants enjoy recreational activities safely and responsibly while following state regulations.

MARINE EDUCATION PROGRAMS	
Boater Safety Students	405
Hunting Safety Students	515
Snowmobile Safety Students	20
ORV Safety Students	14
Total Students	954

COMMUNITIES CONTRACTED FOR LAKE PATROLS IN 2024:

- Cass Lake – Keego Harbor
 - Commerce Lake, Lower Straits and Lake Sherwood – Commerce Township
 - Cedar Island – White Lake Township
 - Deer Lake – Independence Township
 - Lakeville Lake – Addison Township
 - Lake Orion and Voorheis Lake – Orion Township
 - Elizabeth Lake and Maceday Lake – Waterford Township
 - Orchard Lake – Village of Orchard Lake
- Pine Lake and Walnut Lake – West Bloomfield Township
 - Sylvan Lake – City of Sylvan Lake
 - Upper Long Lake – Bloomfield Township
 - Walled Lake – City of Novi
 - White Lake – Highland Township / White Lake Township
 - Williams Lake – Waterford Township

MOUNTED UNIT

The Mounted Unit consists of 10 teams of various backgrounds who are trained to respond to civil disturbances, search and rescue, and community safety patrols. Our riders are designated “Special Deputy Status” and serve our communities with dedication and professionalism. The Mounted Unit saw a slight decrease in use during 2024.

- Paint Creek Trail patrols10 hours
- Parades10 hours
- Special events4 hours
- Search and rescue callouts2 hours
- Public relations demos3 hours



PARKS UNIT

The Parks Unit provides contractual law enforcement services to all Oakland County Parks and their facilities, which include Addison Oaks, Catalpa Oaks, Farmers Market, Glen Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Highland Oaks, Holly Oaks, Independence Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks, Pontiac Oaks, Red Oaks, Rose Oaks, Southfield Oaks, Springfield Oaks, Waterford Oaks, and White Lake Oaks.

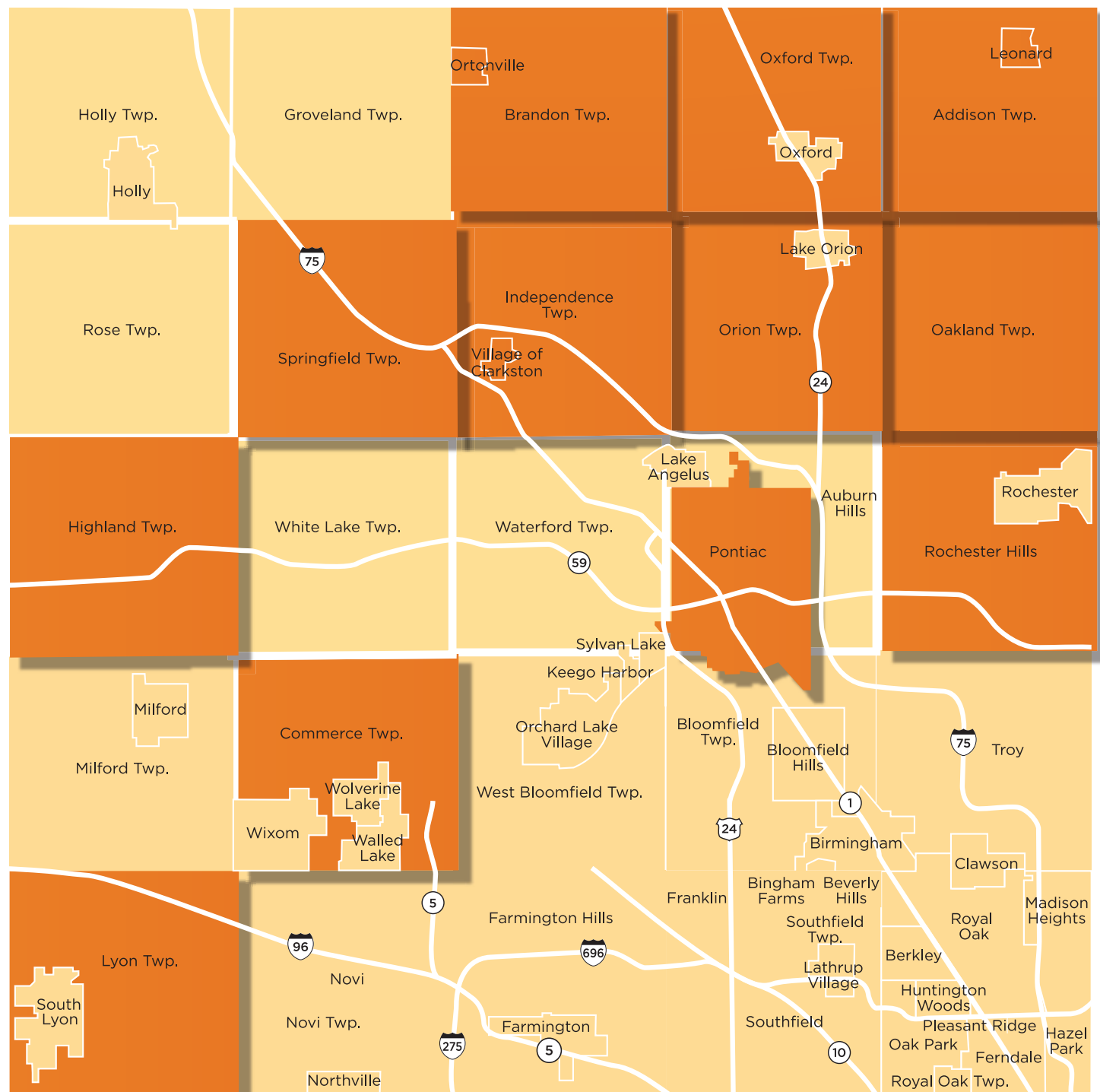
The Mountain Bike Patrol is used in a wide variety of police missions within the parks, including routine patrol, community and public relations and searching for lost or missing children. The Mountain Bike Patrol has proven to be an asset at major public events such as the 4–H Fair, Antique Festival, Marshmallow Drop, Back Road Marathon, and other details.

2023 PARKS UNIT STATISTICS	
Arrests	3
Misdemeanor	2
Felony	1
Calls for Service Initiated	4,729
Park Unit Reports Written	68
Traffic Accidents Investigated	8
Deer Stand Compliance Checks	168

RESERVE DEPUTIES

The Reserve Unit is made up of 85 active reserve deputies. The unit is a community-based cadre of uniformed, well-trained volunteers. Background checks are performed on all reserves, and all have attended a college-accredited reserve academy which allows them to work in conjunction with full-time deputies. They continually receive updates and training, keeping them current with our ever-changing environment of law enforcement. Reserves are credited with donating more than 14,000 hours in 2024 to assist on a variety of details and special events. Events include high school football and basketball games, community parades, Woodward Dream Cruise, Roadkill Nights, Sheriff PAL events, First Responder Appreciation events, Oakland County Fair, Halloween events, and Christmas Tree Lighting events.

2024 RESERVE DEPUTY HOURS SERVED	
Patrol	2,554
Training	3,594
Special Details & Events	6,017
Administrative	2,470
Total Hours Worked	14,635



The municipalities in orange have contracts for law enforcement services with the Sheriff's Office.

PONTIAC PATROL SERVICES

COMMAND: *Major Andre Ewing*

The Pontiac Substation is the largest contracted substation of the Sheriff's Office, serving a growing population of over 61,000 residents.

Public safety and maintaining public trust remain top priorities. To achieve these goals in 2024, the Pontiac Substation continued to strengthen bonds with residents with programs and events such as the Sheriff's Police Athletic League (PAL), National Night Out, Angel's Night Fun Festival which draws over 1,000 kids each year, Shop with a Cop, Turkey Giveaway with CNS, Adopt a Family for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and numerous other community outreach programs and events.



Major Andre Ewing

The Pontiac Substation is the only substation with a full-time Community Policing Team that facilitates community engagement with law enforcement to address specific community needs. This has been effective in promoting public trust, increasing public safety, reducing blight/nuisances and overall crime prevention. The team worked closely with the Pontiac Ordinance Enforcement Division and our mental health co-responders to assist our homeless population.

The Pontiac Substation is also the only substation to have a full-time Drone First Responder program. This program allows an aerial view of an incident prior to deputies arriving on scene as the drone is dispatched directly to scenes and active incidents to provide real-time information to responding deputies. When fully implemented this program will allow for a safer response for deputies and Pontiac residents. The substation also has deputies trained as drone operators, where they can quickly deploy drones from patrol vehicles to search for suspects, missing people, provide scene security, and give deputies an aerial view of the incident.

The Sheriff's Office partners with Oakland Community Health Network to provide mental health co-responder clinicians. These co-responder clinicians provide face-to-face crisis intervention to help de-escalate and/or stabilize individuals in crisis and prevent further criminal justice involvement when possible. They also provide mobile responses to a variety of community settings upon law enforcement's request, including homes, businesses and shelters. In 2024, co-responders assigned to Pontiac made 198 referrals for service, either on-scene or during later follow up. While on-scene the co-responder assisted with 76 voluntary transports and 112 involuntary transports for mental health treatment.

The Pontiac Detective Bureau investigated 11 homicides in 2024, achieving a 92 percent clearance rate. Of the 11 criminal homicides, nine were closed with an arrest/prosecution, one resulted in a death of the offender (murder-suicide), and one remains under investigation. There was also one homicide that was ruled self-defense by Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. Directed Patrol Unit made 193 felony arrests, seized 49 firearms, \$61,290 in illegal drugs, and \$29,274 was confiscated as proceeds of illegal drug sales.

ROCHESTER HILLS PATROL SERVICES

COMMAND: *Captain Russell Yeiser*

The city of Rochester Hills has a contract with the Sheriff’s Office for all law enforcement services. The Rochester Hills Substation is responsible for the daily operations of policing within the city, functioning with an organizational structure comparable to that of a large suburban police agency.

Deputies assigned to Rochester Hills take pride in maintaining the city’s status as one of the safest in the United States. In a 2023 community survey, 93 percent of Rochester Hills residents expressed satisfaction with the Sheriff’s Office, while an impressive 98 percent reported feeling safe in their homes. These findings underscore the strong trust and collaboration between the Sheriff’s Office and the community.

In 2024, deputies responded to 43,568 calls for service. Beyond responding to calls for service, deputies prioritized proactive crime prevention and mitigation strategies. This included conducting approximately 13,365 targeted patrols across various locations, such as schools, industrial parks, commercial districts, and residential neighborhoods, with an emphasis on high-visibility, community-oriented policing initiatives.



Captain Russell Yeiser

ROCHESTER PATROL DIVISION BY THE NUMBERS



TRAFFIC STATISTICS	
Traffic crashes	2,458
Moving violations	4,141
Non-moving violations	4,037
Parking violations	327
Commercial vehicle violations	357
Defective Equipment Violations	432
TOTAL TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS ISSUED	10,245

ARREST STATISTICS

Felony Arrests	333
Misdemeanor Arrests	632
TOTAL ARRESTS	4,985

DETECTIVE BUREAU

In 2024 the Rochester Hills Detective Bureau investigated or assisted with 1,633 cases, with a clearance rate of 53 percent of reported crimes. These cases included frauds, sexual assaults, domestic violence, assault with intent to murder, and one homicide. Detectives are well trained and have attended professional development classes which include child forensic interviewing, interview and interrogation, Fraud and Identify Theft, and numerous other investigative courses.

Detectives investigated and solved numerous high-profile cases in 2024 including the Brooklands Splash Pad Park shooting and the homicide of a local businessman.

In June 2024, a lone gunman shot 10 victims, including multiple children, at the Brooklands Splash Pad located on Auburn Road. Over 100 law enforcement officers responded to this incident including the entire Detective Bureau. This incident required extensive coordination with hospitals, victim services, computer crimes, SWAT teams, fire departments, and other city departments. The suspect was quickly identified and located by the Sheriff’s Office and the threat to the community was eliminated.

In October 2024, two men posed at DTE workers and entered a home on Newcastle. The suspects murdered the businessman and then bound and assaulted his wife. The home was ransacked, and the suspects fled the scene. Detectives along with the Fugitive Apprehension Team were able to identify the first suspect and he was taken into custody within 24 hours of the murder after he fled to Louisiana. The second suspect was identified and arrested 72 hours after the murder. This investigation utilized all aspects of the Sheriff’s Office including the Fugitive Apprehension Team, Computer Crimes Unit, and numerous other divisions.

COMMUNITY POLICING DEPUTY

The Substation Community Policing Unit has a deputy and a K9 Comfort dog assigned to engage with the community daily. During frequent public appearances, the unit works to advise, support, and educate residents and provides valuable support and guidance to the Community Emergency Response Team and the Rochester Auburn Hills Community Coalition. A significant focus of their efforts is educating citizens and business employees on how to respond to active assailant situations and train them in verbal de-escalation.

They help foster a safer, more informed community, including their role in assisting with the startup of the Rochester Hills Resiliency Center. Created in response to the tragic incident at the Brooklands Splash Pad, the unit’s unique community outreach played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful opening of the center and facilitating strong connections with residents.

SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES

School Resource Officers (SRO) provided law enforcement support and police liaison services to over 23 schools in Rochester Hills. The city hosts two public school districts: Rochester Community Schools, and Avondale School District (ASD) along with various private schools.

The SRO Unit responded to over 400 calls for service in 2024 including but not limited to threats against schools, assaults, fights, sexual assaults, CSAM cases, child protective service investigations, search warrant preparation and executions, extra patrols, welfare checks, tobacco and alcohol investigations, accidents on school property, and traffic enforcement. These incidents resulted in over 200 investigative reports. The SRO Unit presented numerous topics including body safety, internet safety, stranger danger, bullying, harassment and abuse.

The unit assists school staff in threat assessments, lockdown drills, tornado drills, fire drills and day-to-day operations of the schools. The SRO unit participated in a public Safety Summit Presentation in partnership with the Rochester Community Schools.

The SRO Unit has a valuable relationship with the Rochester Area Youth Assistance Program (RAYA). Together they work to assist troubled kids to achieve their greatest goals. The SRO Detective Sergeant is a sitting member on the Board of Directors for RAYA.

The SROs receive training from the Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) in mental health and crisis response and connect those in need with community resources. The unit has a K9 comfort dog sponsored by OCHN.

INVESTIGATIVE AND FORENSIC SERVICES

COMMAND: Captain Timothy Willis

The Investigative and Forensic Services Division is comprised of multiple units and task forces that focus on specific areas of expertise. These highly trained personnel employ a unique and sophisticated approach, as they are equipped to aid law enforcement at the county, state, and federal levels in solving various types of crimes. Each unit focuses on their specialty but is cross trained to assist other divisions. They conduct field investigations focused on such specialized areas as fugitive and absconder apprehension, fire and arson investigation, crime scene analysis, narcotics enforcement, auto theft, major crime/special investigations, and computer crimes investigations.

The division also includes the Forensic Science Laboratory (Crime Lab & DNA Lab), the evidence/property room, the Warrants Unit, Friend of the Court Enforcement, and the Violent Gangs Task Force. Each unit within the division performs background investigations. The division is responsible for receiving, distributing, and tracking information from the Crime Stoppers tip line, 1-800-SPEAK UP.



Captain Timothy Willis

AUTO THEFT UNIT (A.T.U.)

The Auto Theft Unit (OCAT) is a multi-jurisdictional task force with the Sheriff's Office acting as project director. The 14-member team includes officers from Hazel Park, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Waterford Township and Southfield as well as the Sheriff's Office. Funding is provided in part by a grant from the Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) and the individual departments. The Sheriff's Office provides a captain, lieutenant, and two sergeants.

The unit specializes in investigating all auto theft-related crimes throughout the county. The Auto Theft Unit has continued to see an increase in criminal cases involving organized commercial vehicle theft operations. Auto theft detectives have seen large increases in rental vehicle and equipment theft. Also, detectives are still seeing cases in which suspects utilize automotive diagnostic tablets (Pro-Pads) to steal vehicles. Cases involving identity theft are also on the rise.

The use of license plate reader technology has resulted in both arrests and recovery of stolen vehicles.

AUTO THEFT UNIT ACTIVITY		
	2023 TOTALS	2024 TOTALS
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	568	520
Recovered Value	\$12,201,211	\$11,603,698
Number of Cases	754	691
Warrants Obtained	271	299
Total Arrests - Persons	271	299
Commercial Vehicles Recovered	44	107
Commercial Vehicle Recovered Value	\$1,029,600	\$2,821,328
Vehicle Parts Recovered	4	235
Vehicle Parts Recovered Value	\$8,900	\$191,683

PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCES FROM 2023/2024 GRANT YEAR:

- Recovered Stolen Vehicles: -8%
- Recovered Value: -4%
- Number of Cases: -8%
- Warrants Obtained/Total Arrests: +10%
- Commercial Vehicles Recovered: +143%
- Commercial Vehicle Value: +174%
- Vehicle Parts: +5775%
- Vehicle Parts Value: +2053%

COMPUTER CRIMES UNIT

Computer Crimes Unit and its five detectives perform complex digital forensic examinations, investigations, search warrant and multimedia assistance.

The backlog times for forensic examinations remains constant from previous years, with cell phone backlog approximately two months and computer examinations are backlogged approximately 6-8 months. Cell phones and mobile devices continue to be the number one evidence items brought in for examination to the unit. In 2024, the unit had one detective assigned to complete a six-month computer forensic certification through the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialist. The unit is still seeing an increased demand for cellular data and cellular tower analysis which includes mapping of the data, as well as assistance in writing the search warrants for this type of data.

CCU was recognized by the Major County Sheriffs of America Association for its assistance in the prosecution of the defendants charged in the Oxford High School mass shooting. The unit was recognized by the U.S. Secret Service as have two of the top 100 producing examiners in the country.

COMPUTER CRIMES UNIT ACTIVITY		
	2023 TOTALS	2024 TOTALS
Forensic Examination Cases	502	403
Items of Media Analyzed	1,249	849
Amount of Data Analyzed	106.3 TB	183 TB
C.C.U. Cases	52	32
Search Warrant/Agency Assists	463	646

EVIDENCE/PROPERTY ROOM

Property room personnel ensure the proper logging and maintenance of all evidence/property coming into the Sheriff's Office excluding inmate property and the N.E.T. unit. Personnel are responsible for the final destruction, release or auction of property once authorization is received by the officer-in-charge (OIC). This includes physically observing the destruction of property and personally releasing property to citizens.

EVIDENCE/ PROPERTY ROOM STATISTICS		
	2023 TOTALS	2024 TOTALS
Total Property Received	4,147	6,338
Property Destroyed - Main Property Room	2,747	6,060
Weapons Destroyed	228	321
Property Released	897	814
Auctioned Property - Main Property Room (Bidcorp)	50	63
Cell Phones Sold to eCycle	102	170
Deposited Money in Sheriff's Enhancement Fund	\$3,598.47	\$3,977.10
Deposited Money in Unclaimed Fund	\$1,532.32	\$8,855.00

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (F.I.U.)

The nationally recognized Fire Investigations Unit assisted more than 33 law enforcement and fire service agencies, conducting 152 investigations, with 12 of them resulting in at least one fatality. Recorded property loss totaled \$18.4 million. Seven arrest warrants led to eight arrests where convictions were obtained. Two cases are pending in Oakland County Circuit Court.

2024 was the 18th year the unit had access to a K9 accelerant detection dog, K9 Sterk, one of only six in Michigan. This K9 underwent extensive training to identify the exact location where accelerants were used to set a fire. He has been helpful locating the use of accelerants at multiple fire scenes and identifying and tracking residue on materials used to start fires and on the suspects themselves. K9 Sterk and his handler responded to 21 arson-related requests, leading to multiple arrests.

The unit has been instrumental in training new fire marshals and fire investigators in the county.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS REPORTS		
	2023 TOTALS	2024 TOTALS
Accidental Fires	31	68
Arson Fires	30	24
Undetermined Fires	79	60
TOTAL FIRES INVESTIGATED	140	152

FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY

The Forensic Science Laboratory continues to maintain ISO/IEC 17025:2017 international accreditation. The laboratory was re-accredited for four more years.

The Biology Unit completed 694 cases. It received 345 submissions, 42 percent of which were submitted by the Sheriff’s Office. Violent crime cases accounted for 49 percent of submissions. The unit successfully reduce the backlog of cases from 491 at the beginning of 2024 to 116 at the end of 2024 and keep up with violent submissions. This allowed the unit to reopen submissions to outside county agencies.

Several new validations were initiated, progressed, and/or completed in 2024. The Biology Unit completed a validation to introduce Y-STR analysis as a laboratory capability and staff are currently in training. The validation for the new RESULTS information management system was progressed and expected to be completed in 2025.

FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY TESTING		
	2023 TOTALS	2024 TOTALS
Cases tested for Outside Agencies	2,257	1,714
Cases tested for Sheriff’s Office	1,558	1,436
Cases tested for RESULTS Program (Toxicology)	24,835	20,156
Crime Scene Investigations	27	25
Drug Cases Tested	1,243	1,417
Firearms/Tool Mark Cases Tested	1,202	1,096
Latent Print Cases Tested	619	347
Biology Cases Tested	544	694
CODIS Hit Confirmations	105	160
Blood Alcohol Tested	179	206

FRIEND OF THE COURT ENFORCEMENT UNIT (F.O.C.)
The Friend of the Court Enforcement Unit (FOC) works to ensure parents pay court-ordered child support. It makes local arrests and transports prisoners arrested by other law enforcement agencies on Oakland County FOC warrants in Michigan.

Since the inception of Wanted posters, it has greatly increased the reach of Friend of the Court arrest warrants, resulting in several dozen additional arrests and/or closed cases by compliance every year. In 2024 the number of warrants issued decreased by approximately 4.3 percent over 2023. Support collections increased slightly from 76.1% to 77% for the year. Arrears case support collections were up 0.5%, finishing at 54.5%, up from 54% in 2023,

For 2024, of larger counties with 35,000 or more cases, Oakland County FOC again had the highest support collections, finishing above Kent, Macomb, Genesee and Wayne counties.

FOC ENFORCEMENT UNIT ACTIVITY		
	2023 TOTALS	2024 TOTALS
New Bench Warrants Issued	4,378	4,189
FOC Investigator Initiated Arrests	901	1,009
Bench Warrants Closed	4,153	3,996
Prisoner Pick-Ups (Statewide)	140	117
Resulting Surrenders/Compliance	3,337	3,063

FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TEAM (F.A.T.)
The Fugitive Apprehension Team targets and apprehends violent suspects for whom warrants have been issued, including career criminals who are wanted on a warrant for trial. The investigators lend their professional expertise to any local law enforcement agencies in Oakland County that request assistance with fugitive apprehension, investigations, and surveillance. In 2024, investigators took several major criminals off the streets for crimes such as murder, armed robbery, home invasion and criminal sexual conduct.

F.A.T. investigators are federally deputized as U.S. Marshals and work closely with the U.S. Marshal’s Service. As a result of this partnership, federal resources are available for tracking fugitives throughout the entire country.

FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TEAM STATISTICS		
	2023 TOTALS	2024 TOTALS
Total Fugitive Arrests	304	306
Total Extraditions	39	38

NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM (N.E.T.)

Since 2001, the Sheriff’s Office has led the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (N.E.T.) with a highly cooperative working relationship with all federal and local police departments. This year, N.E.T. worked closely with our partners to successfully disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations. N.E.T. seized approximately \$3.6 million worth of illegal drugs. It successfully forfeited and closed cases that resulted in the distribution of \$935,650 to local participating agencies. Oakland County continued to follow the national drug threat trend with fentanyl/heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine being the top three drug threats. In 2024, Psilocybin, LSD, Ketamine and other hallucinogens have increased in our area. N.E.T. continues to view heroin/fentanyl as a major threat in Oakland County. These drug threats appear to mirror the drug trends throughout southeast Michigan.

NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM (N.E.T.) PROPERTY/EVIDENCE ROOM

The Narcotic Enforcement Team has a separate property room for all confiscated items from narcotic raids.

NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM (N.E.T) EVIDENCE/ PROPERTY ROOM STATISTICS		
	2023 TOTALS	2024 TOTALS
Total Property Received	3,365	3,140
Weapons Seized	78	102
Vehicles Seized	46	33
Auctioned Property Items	186	148
Auctioned Property - Deposited	\$157,101.31	\$32,538.35
Cell Phones Sold to eCycle	216	111
Operation Medicine Cabinet (Prescription Drugs Destroyed)	3,710.5 pounds	5,902.8 pounds
Total Drugs Destroyed (NET)	804 pounds	758 pounds

NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM ACTIVITY

	2023 TOTALS	2024 TOTALS
Investigations Initiated	345	337
Arrests - Persons	208	190
Arrests - Charges	432	434
DRUGS PURCHASED/SEIZED		
Cocaine	5,176.4 grams	10,461.59 grams
Crack Cocaine	958.76 grams	1,192.49 grams
Marijuana	421 pounds / 806 units	768.26 pounds
Marijuana Gummies/Wax/Oil	26,966 grams	60 grams
THC/Vape Cartridges	225 units	0
Fentanyl	26,788.33 grams	3,533.99 grams
Fentanyl Pills	71 units	
Heroin/Black Tar Heroin	106.6 grams	96.11 grams
Ecstasy/MDMA	31.99 grams / 171 units	745.52 grams / 348 units
Khat	n/a	48.99 pounds
Methamphetamine/Ice	15,967.94 grams	1,118.01 grams
Psilocybin (including edibles)	111.08 grams / 9,972.7 units	1,656.21 grams
Prescription Drugs	111.08 gram / 9,972.7 units	2,545 units / 315.8 grams
Promethazine	n/a	25 units / 2,547 grams
Other Dangerous Drugs (Hallucinogens - LSD, Ketamine, DMT, Xylazine)	47.52 grams / 84 units	1,716.57 grams / 550 units
Approximate Value of Drugs Purchased/Seized	\$35,634,131.20	\$3,652,000.00

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (S.I.U.)

The Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) is the major crimes and professional standards unit with significant experience and expertise in the investigation, supervision, administration and prosecution of complex criminal cases at state and federal levels. S.I.U. provides investigative support to all divisions of the Sheriff’s Office as well as to a variety of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office. S.I.U. provides investigative assistance on major crimes, including homicides, sexual assaults, robbery, serial crimes of violence, human trafficking, and financial crimes. The financial crimes section of S.I.U. is responsible for all mortgage and deed fraud investigations. S.I.U. is also the Sheriff’s Office professional standards unit (i.e. internal affairs), investigating criminal and serious disciplinary matters involving all members of the Sheriff’s Office, up to and including officer-involved shooting investigations. S.I.U. is often requested to conduct, assist or review similar investigations for other police agencies. Sergeants in S.I.U. manage the arson, cold case and the Human Trafficking Task Force units. Forensic polygraph examinations are also part of S.I.U., which are conducted for all law enforcement agencies in Oakland County

In 2024, S.I.U. was assigned 129 investigations, including several from other law enforcement agencies. A total of 42 polygraph examinations were conducted. S.I.U. handles all major inmate incidents within the Corrective Services and Satellite Facilities divisions.

WARRANTS UNIT

The Warrants Unit research, enters, and confirms warrants from 15 district courts in Oakland County and the Oakland County Circuit Court. It makes arrests in Michigan and facilitates extraditions for out-of-state agencies.

WARRANT UNIT ACTIVITY		
	2023 TOTALS	2024TOTALS
Felony Warrants	492	493
Misdemeanor Warrants	120	155
Civil Warrants	22	11
Total Warrants Cleared*	634	658
Total Person Arrested (Warrant Pickups)	502	537
Extradition Hearings	111	146

*One person may have multiple arrests.

HOMELAND SECURITY WELLNESS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

COMMAND: Captain Todd Hill

Lieutenant Paul Workman

The Homeland Security, Wellness & Professional Development (HSWPD) Division provides a host of vital and unique services to the Sheriff’s Office, law enforcement agencies and Oakland County residents. It is comprised of several very diverse and specialized units.

- Comfort K9 Unit
 - Co-Responder (CoRe) Program
 - Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
 - Crisis Response Unit
 - Force Analysis Unit
 - Homeland Security & Emergency Response Management
- Mass Decontamination Unit (MDU)
 - Recruiting & Career Development
 - Sheriff’s Shield Program
 - Training Unit
 - Wellness Unit & Peer Support Program



Captain Todd Hill

COMFORT K9 UNIT

The Comfort K9 Unit is comprised of 15 Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Trained in basic obedience and therapy canine training, Comfort K9s provide relief for first responders and community members when dealing with traumatic incidents and everyday stress. Comfort K9s are assigned to patrol, school resource officers, community liaison officers, dispatch, special units, and the Peer Support Team. The Cavalier breed was chosen due to their personality traits (affectionate with families, good temperament with young children, and good temperament with other dogs).

There are two Comfort K9’s assigned to the Homeland Security, Wellness & Professional Division are Cali (Instagram @ deputy.cali) and Scarlett (Instagram @deputy.scarlett). Comfort K9s are deployed daily in the community and appear at more than 300 special events.



CO-RESPONDER (CoRe) PROGRAM

The Co-Responder Program is a mental health community outreach initiative, which connects an Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) mental health clinician with the Sheriff's Office. CoRe's commitment is to partner deputy response with community mental health/substance use disorder resources, to improve services to those impacted by behavioral health crises. The program supplements the overall response with a specialized approach to provide added support to first-responding officers before, during, and after a crisis.

The goal in a behavioral health crisis is to utilize the least restrictive measures to secure the welfare of all those concerned, connect individuals to needed services, and divert individuals experiencing a crisis from the criminal justice system whenever possible.

2024 CORE OUTCOME TOTAL

Sheriff Office deputy referrals to Co-Responder Clinician: 721

- Referred to OCHN: 75
- Petition to Emergency Services: 112
- Ambulance: 2
- Provider on-call: 3
- Declined: 39
- Jail Mental Health Support: 27
- Private Psychiatric Hospital: 0
- Community-based Resources Given: 202
- Other: 61 (Refers to pick-up orders, unable to reach.)

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT)

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a certification designation specifically equipping agency personnel with specialized training in mental health and community resources from the CIT Oakland, a community collaboration led by the Oakland Community Health Network and the Sheriff's Office. Serving the community as Community Caretakers, CIT officers provide links to community services for those in crisis or in need of mental health services.

CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT

The Sheriff's Office received a three-year grant to fund a Crisis Response Unit (CRU) through 2025. The unit responds to incidents involving people in a co-occurring substance abuse and mental health crisis. Partnering with the Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN), the CRU provides services and enhanced response to people in crisis, to reduce opioid, stimulant, and substance abuse, along with treating mental health. The unit identifies potential needs from calls linked to opioid/substance abuse. The CRU attempts to follow up with listed subjects and or friends and family, to connect them with appropriate resources. The intent is to slow the escalation of opioid abuse and reduce the likelihood of recurring calls for service.

In 2024, the unit identified 507 calls related to mental health and substance use disorders. Contact was made with 254 people, their family and friends. Many accepted advice, transportation, pantry services, housing, peer navigation, and a connection to treatment.

Collaborating with the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities, Oakland Community Health Network, CRU fortified its ability to tackle the complex issues within our community, fostering a healthier environment and better outcomes for a vulnerable population. The substance use challenge in the sheriff's patrol areas brought 153 overdose incidents with nine claiming the life of the victim. Alternatively, 96 of those incidents involved deputies deploying lifesaving overdose reversal medications (Narcan/OPVEE) with a 90% success rate.

Recognizing the need for a comprehensive approach, CRU collaborated with countywide stakeholders to establish an Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) board. This initiative explores the various touch points of a person's life contributing to or preventing substance-related deaths.

FORCE ANALYSIS UNIT

The Force Analysis Unit reviews all incidents of response to resistance, vehicle pursuits, and pursuit termination techniques for proper tactic use. Additional training is provided as needed. The unit assists in identifying any policy or legal compliance issues as part of the agency's Employee Early Warning System.

In 2024, the Force Analysis Unit conducted:

- 257 Reviews of Response to Resistance
- 39 Reviews of Emergency Vehicle Operational Use, including Pursuit Termination Techniques
- 14 Remedial Training Sessions
- 3 Proactive Supplemental Training Sessions
- 50 Early Warning Reports

HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANAGEMENT

In 2002, the Sheriff, County Executive and Board of Commissioners enhanced the county’s ability to plan and respond to major disasters. This plan included not only natural or man-made disasters, such as severe weather, tornados, aircraft disasters, but any acts of terrorism, both domestic and non-domestic.

The Homeland Security & Emergency Management Unit participates in the Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG). The CPG Working Group is facilitated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security / Federal Emergency Management Administration. The working group is comprised of members of federal, state, county and local first responders and emergency managers throughout the country to make recommendations and assist in developing and reviewing the Comprehensive Preparedness Guide.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management remains committed and focused on its goal of building and improving the county’s ability to respond to major incidents while working in conjunction with its partner agencies.

The division commander serves as the agency’s intelligence commander, overseeing the Joint Terrorism Task Force, task force officer and two criminal analysts assigned to the Detroit Southeast Michigan Information & Intelligence Center.

This unit conducts and reviews security clearances for all employees and contractors who have access to all Sheriff’s Office facilities.

In 2024, a total of 1,328 clearance checks were completed complying with CJIS standards.

TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit is responsible for the development, planning, scheduling, and coordination of all in-services, on-site, and off-site training. It oversees the training for the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) licensed officers, MSCTC (Michigan Sheriffs’ Coordinating & Training Council) certified corrections officers, certified dispatcher specialists, inmate services workers, and other civilian personnel.

The Training Unit establishes and maintains a wide variety of training records relating to agency personnel and manages several ancillary functions, such as:

- LCOTS certified Corrections Academy including a certified LCOPAT (Local Corrections Officer Physical Ability Test) testing site
- Officer training programs for Corrections (CTO), Law Enforcement Services (FTO), and Dispatchers (CTO)
- Oversight of the state of Michigan – M.C.O.L.E.S. licensing process and Police Academy attendees

Training highlighted in 2024 included:

Winter In-Service Training: Dealing with People in Crisis

Summer & Fall In-Service Training: TASER 10 Operator

Additional courses and training materials are offered throughout the year via a Virtual Academy platform managed by the Training Unit.

- 35 deputies completed a 10-week Corrections Training Officer program.
- 96-hour Re-Entry/Core Training Correctional Academy for laterally hired 12 deputies.
- 25 Dispatch Specialists were trained.
- LOCK-UP is a 40-hour subject control class which trained 205 deputies.
- 15 Deputies were sent to the Oakland Police Academy and received their MCOLES Certifications.

In 2024, the Training Unit Range Masters supervised over 6,000 appointments, allowing deputies to train and qualify with several issued weapons systems. Firearms training and qualifications consumed over 300,000 rounds of various ammunition types.

The following firearms training and management were conducted:

- Inspection and maintenance of duty weapons to include approximately 1,200 Glock firearms.
- Inventory and maintenance of over 375, 1033 program patrol rifles.
- Inventory and maintenance of over 200 shotguns.

Community Policing outreach programs are an important part of the Training Unit philosophy. In 2024, Civilian Active Assailant Response training was held for community members, which was supported by a grant and funding from the Board of Commissioners. Community Policing and Education Events cover a wide variety of topics including realistic de-escalation, implicit bias, response to resistance, mental health, reform initiatives, in addition to others.

In 2024, the unit trained over 14,460 people from schools, houses of worship, and non-profit organizations in active assailant response.

RECRUITING & CAREER DEVELOPMENT UNIT

The Sheriff’s Office has a continual recruitment effort to maintain its staffing levels. In 2022, a dedicated recruiter was designated to increase recruitment and retention efforts.

The Recruiting Sergeant serves as a liaison officer with Oakland County and Sheriff’s Office Human Resources regarding recruitment activities.

The Recruiting Teams highlights this year include:

- Daily communication with agency Human Resources to streamline hiring.
- Reviewing and recommending applicants for hire during the background process
- Maintaining a recruiting website www.JoinOCSO.com
- Recruiting at local police academies, high school and college career fairs
- Recruitment events offering LCOPAT/EMPCO testing
- Scheduling ride-a-longs for prospective applicants

The recruiting team proctored LCOPAT and EMPCO testing at the Brandon Training Facility 23 times.

The Recruiting Sergeant responded to 320 contacts from recruitment email and JOINOCSO.com website, resulting in 87 known applications.

The Recruiting Sergeant attended multiple Sheriff’s Office events, including MiCareer Quest, which attracted 8,000 students from 160 high area schools to discover different career paths and interview professionals in their field.

APPLICATIONS/HIRED		
Deputy I Openings	265 Applicants	24 Hired
Deputy II Openings	76 Applicants	9 Hired
Dispatch Openings	333 Applicants	24 Hired

WELLNESS UNIT & PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM (PSP)

The Sheriff’s Office operates a Peer Support Program (PSP) within the agency’s Wellness Unit, providing services as part of the agency’s Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Program. Agency personnel become involved in and are exposed to incidents that can cause various forms of short and/or long-term emotional trauma. The Peer Support Team assists personnel with CISM services, providing confidential peer support assistance, including:

- Peer support during times of personal and/or professional stress
- Early intervention to help mitigate the impacts of stress
- Referral to program services
- Education-based training

The Peer Support Team has 30 trained members, one of whom is assigned to the unit full-time and two additional full-time deputies assigned as part of the Anti-terrorism Emergency Assistance Program grant through the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Victim and Compensation to provide assistance to first responder victims who have experienced incidents of terrorism or mass violence, specifically the 2021 Oxford High School Shooting. Peer support is available for all personnel who need assistance. The goal for each participating employee is to be a productive and healthy employee, on and off duty.

SHERIFF’S SHIELD PROGRAM

In partnership with the Global Shield Network and New York Police Department, the Sheriff’s Office operates a program for the public called Oakland County Sheriff Shield. The Sheriff’s Shield program is a partnership between law enforcement and private sector professionals, while keeping citizens informed. Sheriff Shield allows members of the community and businesses to sign-up for emails to be sent to them after critical events occur. These emails will cover terrorist attacks, bombings, potential threats, and safety precautions for local events. Acts of domestic and international terrorism are on the rise, and there is a clear need for law enforcement and the private sector to work together to help to prevent future attacks.

MASS DECONTAMINATION UNIT (MDU)

The Mass Decontamination Unit is designed for decontamination of the general population and first responders. It functions as an on-scene rest and rehabilitation center and temporary shelter or staging area during emergencies, disasters, training events, and community functions.

MDU members are highly skilled deputies who are certified in hazardous material awareness and operations. The unit has been used in events such as the Woodward Dream Cruise and Arts Beats & Eats to be prepared for emergencies.



TECHNOLOGY, INFORMATION, AND INNOVATION

COMMAND: *Captain Steve Schneider* **Chief Technology Officer**

In 2022, the Sheriff’s Office Information Technology Unit became the Technology, Information and Innovation (TII) Division. With over 1,500 employees and volunteers, both civilian and sworn, and the great number of complex technology applications used by the Sheriff’s Office, TII is an integral part of daily operations.

TII procures, maintains, and manages desktop/laptop/patrol car computers, radios, cellphones, pads/tablets, fingerprint/mugshot equipment and inmate communication devices. Providing secure transmission of crucial law enforcement information through several diverse applications and programs is the top priority.



Captain Steve Schneider
Chief Technology Officer

CLEAR/MICR COMPLIANCE

Consolidated Law Enforcement Advanced Records and Records Management and Michigan Incident and Crime Reporting are quality assurance initiatives that focus on the accuracy of incident reports before they are submitted to the Michigan State Police and the FBI. Accurate statistics provide the public with transparency and help evaluate the effectiveness of law enforcement services.

2024 CLEARANCE RATES		
SUBSTATION	2024 TOTALS	2023 TOTALS
Addison Twp.	88.89	73.21
Brandon Twp.	76.67	70.75
Clarkston, City of - Patrolled by the Independence Twp. Substation	54.17	54.00
Commerce Twp.	51.82	44.96
Highland Twp.	63.02	54.36
Independence Twp.	49.42	41.18
Lyon Twp.	43.87	31.86
Oakland Twp.	47.62	44.64
Orion Twp.	55.95	52.67
Oxford Twp.	79.31	74.52
Pontiac, City of	61.84	55.37
Rochester Hills, City of	53.38	53.56
Springfield Twp.	44.97	40.51

**In criminal justice, the clearance rate is calculated by dividing the number of cases that are “cleared” by the total number of crimes recorded. Rates are approximate at time of print and are therefore subject to change.*

RECORDS UNIT

The Record Unit processes and retains incident reports, traffic crash reports, tickets, inmate files, and pistol purchase permits/sales records. It manages tens of thousands of records, and is responsible for the editing, data-entry, and the retrieval and forwarding of information and statistics from these files. Other functions include:

- Sex offender registration
- Gun registration
- Concealed weapon applicant fingerprinting
- Freedom of Information Act (F.O.I.A.) requests
- Inmate identity transfer corrections

In 2022, the Sheriff’s Office began deploying body-worn cameras (BWC) to all deputies, requiring additional staff to analyze and review the audio and video footage generated by the cameras and to accommodate requests for information made through the Freedom of Information Act.

The Records Unit continued providing exceptional customer service and governmental assistance as COVID-19-related issues decreased. The unit accepted gun registrations and fingerprint applications from the entire state, serving members of the community safely and efficiently during that unprecedented time.

2024 RECORDS UNIT STATISTICS			
Gun Registration	9,554	FOIA Paid Invoices Through GovQA	\$79,846
Gun Purchase Permits	1,754	Subpoena/Discovery Requests	306
CPL Applicant Fingerprints	2,002	Digital Media Evidence (DME)	3,865
Criminal Justice Livescan Applicant Fingerprints	3,057	Video Requests	1,794
Inked Fingerprints	1,012	Inmate Files processed	12,228
Court Ordered Fingerprints/ Non-Custody Arrests	361	Mail/Fax Background Checks	2,434
Photostats (Reports)	1,046	Background Checks (In-Person)	194
Sex Offender Registration	2,809	Michigan Incident Crime Reporting - Warning Reports	1,303
Sex offenders In & Out of Custody	1,421	Application for Tax Paid Transfer and Registration of Firearms (Silencer/ Suppressor)	2,349
FOIA Requests	3,649		

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENT OUTREACH

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS: *Anthony Buffa, J.D.*

An effective government relations strategy ensures the Sheriff’s Office remains on the forefront in Lansing and Washington. Such strategies help build relationships with legislators, secure funding, and establish laws and legislation that can positively impact the Sheriff’s Office and law enforcement. Among the issues of particular importance are:

- **GRANT DETERMINATIONS/SAA REFORM:**
Law enforcement grants need to be determined by and distributed by a neutral third party or a panel to distribute grant funds fairly and equitably. A panel, for example, should have one member of the state police, one chief, and one sheriff, needing two votes for consensus.
- **OFFICE OF SHERIFF AND PROSECUTOR AS NON-PARTISAN:**
Public safety is a non-partisan issue and therefore, the Office of the Sheriff and Office of the Prosecutor should be made non-partisan to represent the needs of all citizens across Michigan like others in the criminal justice system such as judges, who also have incumbency designation.
- **SECONDARY ROAD PATROL (SRP) LONG-TERM SOLUTION:**
The SRP formula to fund deputies throughout the state of Michigan has been broken for many years. While one-time appropriations have been helpful, a long-term solution needs to be implemented to prevent dwindling funds. This fund should be restored to its historic level with permanent funding indexed to inflation.
- **POLICE AUTHORITY FOR ROAD CLOSURES IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY:**
Local police agencies should be able to make necessary road closures during events or any other critical incident where public safety is in the best interest for temporary closure – peaceful marches, large-scale events, acts of violence/terrorism, etc.
- **ARSON DEFINITION REVISION:**
In federal arson standards, arson is defined as ‘the crime of maliciously and intentionally, or recklessly starting a fire or explosion.’ Michigan law defines arson as ‘a person who willfully or maliciously burns, damages, or destroys by fire or explosive.’ Reckless is left out of the Michigan definition and makes arson prosecutions difficult in many cases.
- **NARCAN VENDING MACHINE LIABILITY FIX:**
In partnership with Wayne State University, the Oakland County Jail recently installed a Narcan vending machine, which provides free Narcan to inmates who are leaving. Under Michigan law, only doctors and certain pharmacies can dispense Narcan to the public, and only these entities are immune from liability for doing so. By contrast, law enforcement agencies, including jails, are not expressly authorized to dispense to the public yet, and the immunity we enjoy related to Narcan is only limited to administering it.

• **DELIVERY CAUSING DEATH REFORMS:**

Reform is needed to change the current statute to read that controlled substances can be ‘a’ contributing factor in the death of a subject – not ‘the’ contributing factor.

• **REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER APPROPRIATION:**

Due to outdated infrastructure, security and safety concerns, and critical space constraints, it is important to physically consolidate the operations of the Sheriff’s Office as well as the county’s emergency management center. We are working with state legislative leadership to secure state funding to go towards the construction of the facility.

• **SHERIFF PAL APPROPRIATION:**

Community policing remains critically important, and the Sheriff Police Athletic League (PAL) works to create a safe environment where law enforcement and community partners empower young people to reach their full potential through athletics, mentoring, and enrichment programs. We are working with state legislative leaders to secure state funding to help with PAL’s critical mission.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY LIAISON: *Amanda Ford*

The Sheriff’s Office creates and engages in proactive, community programs that focus on improving the quality of life for Oakland County’s most vulnerable residents. This approach helps us create a strong partnership with our community and fosters positive relationships between residents and law enforcement.



Amanda Ford

ADOPT A VETERAN’S FAMILY

For the past 14 years, the Sheriff’s Office has provided gifts and support to a soldier’s family in need around the holidays as part of Adopt a Veteran’s Family. We are proud to assist these families, referred by Oakland County Veterans’ Services, and give back to those who have given so much through their service to our country.

ANGEL’S NIGHT FUN FEST

Each year before Halloween night, Deputies for Kids and the Sheriff’s Office host the Angel’s Night Fun Fest in Pontiac’s Aaron Perry Park. Angel’s Night is a trunk-or-treat style event which provides kids from Pontiac with a safe and exciting opportunity to collect candy while having family fun in costume. Thousands of participants come out each year to enjoy the festivities and entertainment.

BEARS ON PATROL

The Sheriff’s Office collects new and gently used stuffed animals as part of its Bears on Patrol program. These warm and fuzzy friends help ease the fears of young children who are caught in difficult situations, often bringing a sense of security to a child who is overcome with anxiety. Many area service groups and individuals have generously donated teddy bears and other stuffed animals for this program.

CADET PROGRAM

The Sheriff’s Office Cadet Unit is comprised of aspiring young adults ages 16 to 21 interested in law enforcement as a career. They volunteer for community events such as parades, festivals, and football games throughout the county. Cadets participate in specialized training details and have one-on-one experiences with different law enforcement professionals and special units with the Sheriff’s Office. The Cadet Program provides top tier learning opportunities and experiences for participants while creating lasting relationships with active law enforcement professionals.



CHILD INTERNET SAFETY PROGRAM

Internet safety presentations are made to student, parent, and other interested groups by the sheriff and his Computer Crimes Unit to educate children and parents on the dangers of internet predators and other unsafe online behaviors.

‘COATS FOR THE COLD’ COAT DRIVE

Sheriff Bouchard’s ‘Coats for the Cold’ coat drive began in 1986 when the sheriff served as a village councilman in the Village of Beverly Hills. He carried the program on through his various roles in public service and the program has expanded over the years as coats were collected at over 60 drop-off sites around Oakland County. Once sorted and bagged, the coats are distributed to several area charitable organizations who give them to those most in need at no cost. Some of our program partners include Genisys Credit Union, Real Estate One/Max Broock Realtors, and 1800SelfStorage.com. Since inception, more than 200,000 coats have been donated.



200,000+ COATS HAVE BEEN DONATED

COFFEE WITH THE SHERIFF

Sheriff Bouchard has hosted “Coffee with the Sheriff” since 2014 to reduce barriers with county residents and allow for meaningful conversations with the public. Typically held at grocery stores or cafes, these casual and friendly events help build relationship with the community and bring police and residents closer together.

COMMUNITY PARADES

The Sheriff’s Office proudly participates in many holiday and community parades in the county which are enjoyed by children and adults alike. The public has come to know the Sheriff’s Office through these positive interactions.





COPS-N-CRIBS

The Sheriff's Office, with the Oakland County Health Division, announced the COPS-N-CRIBS program in 2015; to provide free, portable cribs to families so they could provide a safe sleep environment for an infant. Nationally, approximately 2,300 infants die annually from Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID) causes. It is estimated that half of these deaths result from unsafe sleeping environments, such as soft bedding, sharing beds, or sleeping in accident prone positions. Sleep-related causes of infant death can be prevented by following safe sleep guidelines. Providing a crib to a family who needs one may save an infant's life.

The Sheriff's Office is a partner with the national Cribs for Kids organization and Christ Church Cranbrook to purchase cribs at a reduced price and make them available to expectant families.

EARTH DAY DRIVE-THRU

The Earth Day Drive-Thru event was new in 2023 and was held again in 2024. The Sheriff's Office partnered with Vibe Credit Union, Oakland Schools, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Christ Church Cranbrook, Oakland County Health Division, Sheriff's Re-CYCLE for Kids program, and the city of Southfield to provide no contact earth-friendly services to Oakland County residents. Prescription drug collection, bicycle recycling, and environmental education were just a few of the services offered, and several hundred county residents took advantage of these services in celebration of Earth Day.

FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING FOR OAKLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Sheriff's Office has teamed up with local document shredding companies since 2004 to offer free confidential document shredding to residents. The Sheriff's Office partners with Oakland County Parks and Vibe Credit Union to make this important service more accessible. More than 600 cars participated at two sessions held at the Oakland County Farmers Market and an Oakland County Parks location.



LOCK-IT-UP OAKLAND

Launched in 2016, Lock-It-Up Oakland aims to reduce the threat of accidental deaths and crimes committed with stolen firearms, while building public awareness of the benefits of safe firearm storage. Through this initiative, the Sheriff's Office, the Board of Commissioners, and local law enforcement distribute about 5,000 free gun locks annually.

MEDICALLY ASSISTED TREATMENT

In 2018, the Sheriff's Office launched the Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) program in response to the opioid crisis. It screens jail inmates for opioid addiction and puts them into a recovery program, which includes treatment, education, peer support coaching, and a plan for treatment and recovery post-release.

MANDY'S PLACE PROJECT

In 2020, the Sheriff's Office embarked upon a new project, providing holiday cheer to children staying at Mandy's Place during Christmas. Mandy's Place is in Oakland County Children's Village and provides short-term housing for children up to age 18 who have been removed from their homes by the court due to neglect, abuse, and status offenses. Sheriff's Office personnel worked closely with Mandy's Place supervisors to determine the needs and wishes of the kids, spreading a little joy on what might otherwise be a lonely Christmas morning. The Sheriff's Office will continue this program in the future and is dedicated to helping make Christmas a little brighter for Mandy's Place residents.



OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET™

The Sheriff's Office launched Operation Medicine Cabinet™ (OMC) in 2009 to address the growing problem of prescription drug abuse, as well as the negative environmental impact of prescription drugs getting into our water system. OMC is a prescription drug disposal program authorized by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The program serves to keep drugs out of the hands of illicit users by allowing individuals to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs in an environmentally safe manner. There are 37 drop-off sites in the county. OMC is supported by the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities, the drug abuse prevention community, private companies, environmental groups, and the senior and health care community.

RIDES TO RECOVERY

Launched in 2018, Rides to Recovery is available to anyone asking for a ride to any type of substance abuse treatment program. In a partnership with the Oakland County Health Network, those who ask to be taken to treatment will be transported for addiction programming immediately.

SENIOR CELL PHONE PROGRAM

The Sheriff's 911 Emergency Senior Cell Phone Program is designed to give any senior resident a mobile device free of charge to get help in an emergency. Since the program's inception in 2002, thousands of free cell phones have been given to Oakland County seniors. The phones are distributed at the Sheriff's Main Office every Friday from 9 a.m.– noon.

SHERIFF PAL PROGRAM

The Sheriff PAL (Police Athletic League) Program is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by Sheriff Bouchard in 2015. Sheriff PAL is a dynamic collaboration between the Sheriff’s Office, the Oakland County Health Division, the Healthy Pontiac, We Can! Coalition, Oakland University, Woodside Bible Church and Dream Center of Pontiac, the city of Pontiac, and Pontiac Schools. The program aims to create a safe environment and a structure where law enforcement and community partners empower young people to reach their full potential through athletics, mentoring, and other programs. All programs are provided to Oakland County families free of charge. For more information, please visit www.sheriffpal.com.



SHERIFF’S RE-CYCLE FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Sheriff’s Office continues to collect bicycles (new, used, or in need of repair), bike accessories, tools, and parts for the Sheriff’s Re-CYCLE for Kids program, which began in 2006. The program relies on private partners like Dan Gutfreund Realty Group, 1-800-Self-Storage.com, and others to strengthen and grow the program. A robust volunteer operation refurbishes, and repairs donated bikes as needed. Recycled bikes are distributed to families in need at events and by appointment.

SHOP WITH A COP

Each December, the Sheriff’s Office partners with local retailers Meijer and Walmart, and local youth groups to identify kids and families in need who may benefit from a little extra help at Christmas. Deputies help children shop for holiday gifts for their loved ones with gift cards provided by the retailers. Shop with a Cop gives kids a chance to see police officers for who they are – parents or spouses, and most importantly, people who care about them and work to keep the community safe.



SOAK ‘N’ SUMMER

The Sheriff’s Office sponsors an annual Soak n’ Summer event with Oakland County Parks. Over 220 kids from Sheriff PAL, and various other Pontiac-based churches and youth groups typically participate in the event at the Waterford Oaks Water Park. Sponsors of the event included Vibe Credit Union and Meijer.

STOPPED PROGRAM — Sheriffs Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers

Over 3,000 drivers ages 16 to 21 die annually in the United States from motor vehicle crashes. To address this young driver safety issue, STOPPED (Sheriffs Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers) began. STOPPED is a voluntary parental notification system which allows parents to register online or through the mail. Once registered, parents are given a STOPPED sticker to place in the windshield of any vehicle driven by their young driver. If the driver of the registered vehicle is stopped for any reason, regardless of whether a ticket is issued, the parent is notified. Developed by the Michigan Sheriff’s Association, and sponsored by State Farm Insurance, STOPPED is designed to reduce the number of young drivers who are injured or killed in crashes each year and promote safe driving.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

Student of the Month incentivizes students to excel in their studies. While serving as the chairman of the Education Committee in the Michigan State Senate, Sheriff Bouchard started this program to recognize academic achievement. The Sheriff’s Office partners with the Detroit Pistons to offer free game tickets to honorees with the purchase of an adult ticket. The Pistons also provided an end of school year appreciation event which provided students of the month with an opportunity to do a fan tunnel experience or be an Anthem buddy at the beginning of a Pistons game in April. During the 2024-2025 school year, Emagine Entertainment partnered up with Student of the Month program for the second year in a row to further encourage academic excellence within our schools. Hundreds of Oakland County schools and thousands of students have enjoyed this program over the years.

TREATS FOR TROOPS

Treats for Troops is a post-Halloween candy drive that sends thanks, notes of encouragement, and sweets to our troops overseas. The Sheriff’s Office partners with organizations such as Troops Need Love Too, Michigan Military Moms, and the Desert Angels to make sure the candy and notes of encouragement are shipped out. Treats for Troops is a great way parents can participate in a community service project with their kids while supporting our troops.



WOMEN’S SELF-DEFENSE COURSES

The Sheriff’s Office has been conducting free women’s self-defense classes for 14 years. The classes are popular, and efforts are being made to schedule additional classes to educate women of all ages in ways to protect themselves. Thousands of women have been trained by the Sheriff’s Office well-trained female instructors.



RETIREMENTS

The Sheriff’s Office honors and thanks the employees listed below who served the county with distinction and retired from full-time service in 2024. They are listed alphabetically.

Charlton	Robert	Forensic Lab Investigator	34 Years, 8 Months, 27 Days
Childs	Curtis	Undersheriff	32 Years, 10 Months, 10 Days
Christensen	Michael	Deputy II	28 Years, 6 Months, 10 Days
David	Michael	Deputy II	25 Years, 5 Months, 10 Days
Garner-VanDecar	Cindy	Inmate Caseworker	28 Years, 5 Months, 27 Days
Godley	Denise	Deputy II	15 Years, 7 Months, 30 Days
Hofman-Lawrence	Teres	Property & Evidence Tech	32 Years, 5 Months, 5 Days
Knedgen	Matthew	Deputy II	29 Years, 10 Months, 20 Days
Lichok	Vincent	Deputy II	25 Years, 3 Months, 5 Days
MacDonald	John	Deputy II	31 Years, 0 Months, 19 Days
Martin	Mauriece	Sergeant	12 Years, 7 Months, 2 Days
Mayer	David	Deputy II	25 Years, 1 Months, 8 Days
Mellado	Steven	Deputy II	35 Years, 11 Months, 15 Days
Myszenski	Robert	Deputy II	25 Years, 6 Months, 14 Days
O’Dea	Timothy	Deputy II	28 Years, 8 Months, 25 Days
Pankey	Michael	Deputy II	31 Years, 5 Months, 3 Days
Quisenberry	Joseph	Captain	48 Years, 5 Months, 29 Days
Riley	Anthony	Inmate Caseworker	20 Years, 0 Months, 12 Days
Schultz	Howard	Fire Investigator	25 Years, 0 Months, 0 Days
Seling	Michael	Deputy II	25 Years, 0 Months, 0 Days
Sizemore	Bethany	Deputy II	28 Years, 3 Months, 26 Days
Slosson	John	Deputy II	19 Years, 10 Months, 1 Days
Smith	Martin	Deputy II	38 Years, 1 Months, 29 Days
Terry	Ryan	Sergeant	12 Years, 5 Months, 9 Days
White	Rodney	Deputy II	34 Years, 3 Months, 7 Days
Yon	Christopher	Deputy II	29 Years, 7 Months, 21 Days



Remembering
Deputy Brad Reckling
loving husband and father, valued colleague



Mission Oakland
oakgov.info/mo-reckling

Donations to help the family can be made through Mission Oakland or Oakland County Deputy Sheriff’s Association Family Benevolent Fund.

Both are non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations.
Donations are tax deductible.
100 percent of the donations go to the family.



OCSDA Benevolent Fund
oakgov.info/ocsda-reckling