

# OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023





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I am pleased to present the 2023 annual report for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. This overview is a snapshot of the primary law enforcement services we provide for more than 350,000 of Oakland County's 1.2 million residents, 15 communities and their local businesses, and details the operation of the Oakland County Jail.

2023 was a year of change and adaptation for the Sheriff's Office as we continued to look for ways to meet ongoing challenges. Here are a few of our accomplishments this year.

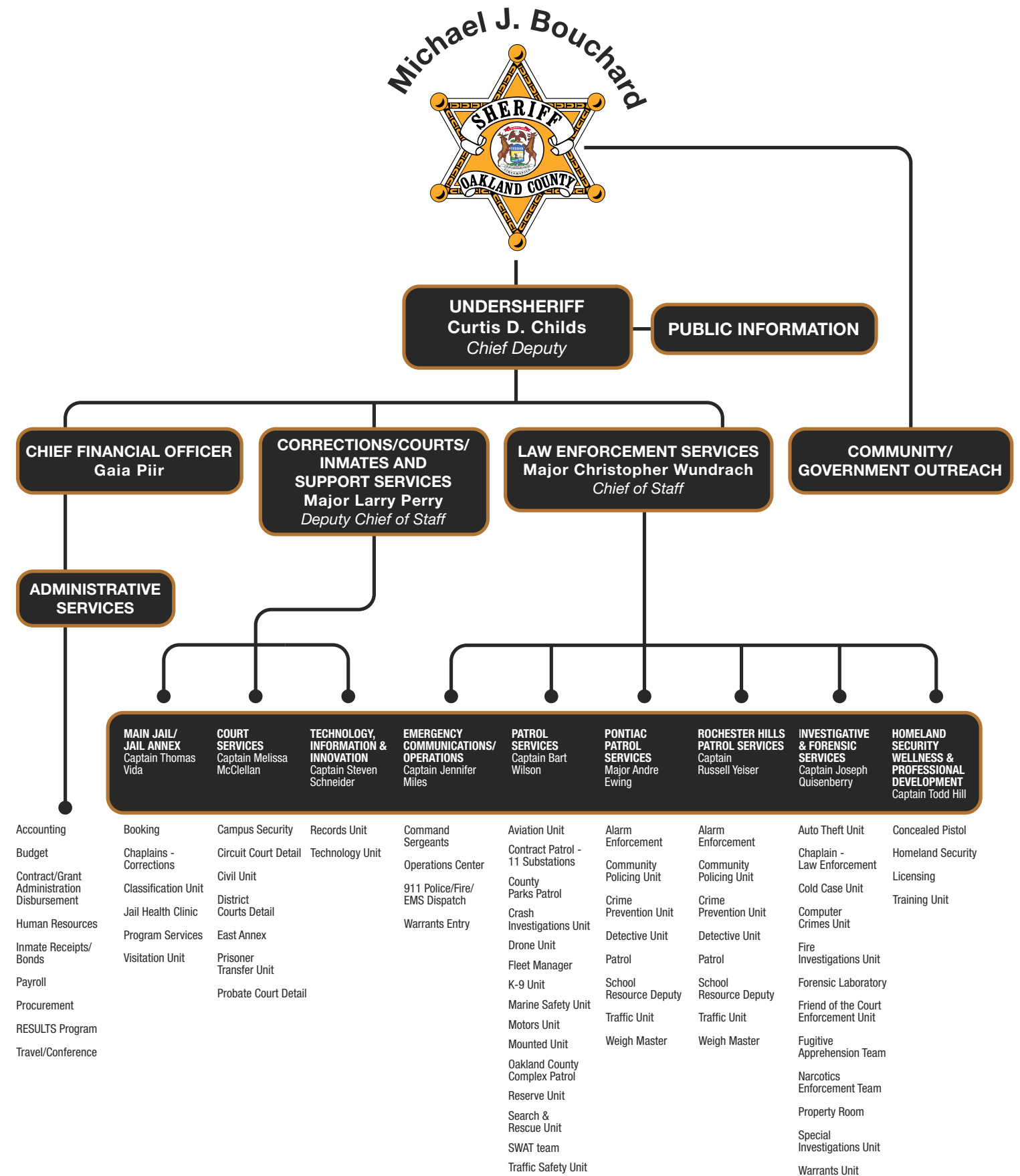
- In November, we became the first law enforcement agency in the United States to equip its deputies with the life-saving nasal spray OPVEE to treat overdoses of natural and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. We partnered with Indivior, the Virginia-based manufacturer of OPVEE, as well as the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities, and Oakland Community Health Network, to offer this groundbreaking drug to what was often a hopeless situation for deputies and first responders.
- Our jail earned re-accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care for demonstrating 100 percent compliance with nationally recognized standards of care for health services in jails.
- We created a regional task force of more than 30 local, state and federal agencies to collaborate and investigate an increasing number of thefts and break-ins in exclusive neighborhoods in Southeast Michigan.



We are proud of the programs and initiatives we offer each year to keep our residents, businesses, and communities safe, secure, and engaged. The men and women of the Sheriff's Office are the public face of all we do. I am grateful for the sacrifices they make every day and for the ongoing support the Sheriff's Office receives from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and County Executive Dave Coulter.

I encourage you to contact the Sheriff's Office if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions as to how we might better serve you. Let's all hope for a safe and healthy 2024.

*Michael J. Bouchard*  
**Michael J. Bouchard**  
 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 application, 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
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**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, 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: \$2,677,848 | Total Commission: \$1,282,961

### 2023 INMATE POPULATION REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Main Jail	624	607	609	634	640	632	638	647	648	651	610	611	7,551
Annex / Male	258	269	263	281	290	289	280	276	273	287	276	269	3,311
Annex / Female	116	117	117	118	117	117	116	117	117	117	128	112	1,409
East Annex													0
General Population	998	993	989	1,033	1,047	1,038	1,034	1,040	1,038	1,055	1,014	992	12,271
Intake / Clinic	86	95	92	104	122	123	116	125	124	112	120	94	1,313
In Custody	1,084	1,088	1,081	1,137	1,169	1,161	1,150	1,165	1,162	1,167	1,134	1,086	13,584
Inmates Admitted	1,062	918	1,054	1,055	1,150	1,028	1,030	1,054	964	1,033	996	932	12,276
Inmates Released	991	948	1,046	969	1,131	1,023	992	1,010	998	1,016	1,054	999	12,177

**14,099**  
VIDEO ARRAIGNMENTS IN 2023

2023 HOSPITAL WATCHES

**574** TOTAL WATCHES

**22,906** TOTAL HOURS

### ARAMARK YEAR END TOTALS 2023

**16,965**

INMATE SNACK LUNCHES

**1,385,128**

INMATE MEALS

**1,402,093**

TOTAL MEALS PROVIDED

### MONEY AND BONDS COLLECTED - 2023

BOOKING	
Money Collected	\$636,854
Shortages	\$149
Overages	\$25
VISITATION	
Visitation Total	\$2,301,962
Visitation Cash	\$502,723
Visitation Smart Credit	\$1,799,238
BONDS	
Bond Totals (excluding bond fees)	\$2,363,950
Regular Bonds	\$2,063,962
Fines & Costs	\$151,978
Interim Bonds	\$148,010
Bond Fees	\$79

PROGRAM	INMATE COMPLETIONS	JAIL BED DAYS SAVED
JAWS	222 (57% Increase from 2022)	2,192
CBP/LESP-M	294 (34% Increase from 2022)	9,600
Home Confinement Tether	38	2,076
Work Release Tether	60 (10% Increase from 2022)	5,093
Program Totals	773 (30% Increase from 2022)	18,961
Total Revenue Work Release Tether Program		\$54,630
Jail Bed Days Savings		\$2,832,963

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

JAWS had 222 successful completions. JAWS completions provided 2,192 jail bed days saved.

### SHERIFF'S COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR MISDEMEANOR PROGRAM

294 successful completions. CBP/LESP-M completions have provided 9,600 jail bed days saved.

### HOME CONFINEMENT ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM (EMP TETHER)

EMP had 38 successful completions. The monthly average participants for 2023 were 8. EMP completions have provided 2,076 jail bed days saved.

### WORK RELEASE TETHER PROGRAM (WRTP)

Work Release Tether had 60 successful completions. Work Release completions have provided 5,093 jail bed days saved.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT PROGRAM (MAT)

On Oct. 1, 2023, the Jail MAT Program was expanded to include out-county residents incarcerated. 159 individuals participated in MAT services (140 Oakland County residents, 19 out-county residents). All were set up with release planning.

### AA AND NA VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

There are eight Groups for Men and Women for AA/NA services. A total of 1, 577 inmates participated in 12-step meetings. 1, 322 attended the Annex facility, 255 attended the Main Jail.

### NARCAN MACHINE

Boxes Disseminated: 72

RELIGIOUS MATERIALS	
TYPE	NUMBER PROVIDED
Bibles	1,509
Qurans	330
Rosaries	1356
Books/Devotional Booklets	3,039
Total	6,234

## COURT SERVICES

**COMMAND:** *Captain Melissa McClellan*

Court services provide 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.



*Captain Melissa McClellan*

In-person proceedings and related activity increased as courts returned to pre-COVID practices. The 6th Circuit Court, district courts in Troy, Clarkston, Rochester Hills and Novi, and Friend of Court locations had a cumulative total of 641,768 visitors enter security screening stations where 3,450 edged weapons were intercepted.

In the 6th Circuit Court, 4,940 in-person court proceedings were conducted, and 9,857 deputies were utilized as court security. In 2023, deputies were assigned to an increase of 33% more in-person proceedings than in 2022.

While in-person proceedings increased, circuit and district courts continued to conduct proceedings using remote video platforms. With the return of in-person court proceedings, the 6th Circuit Court remote video proceedings decreased from 2,616 in 2022 to 895 in 2023. District Court remote video proceedings decreased from 4,106 in 2022 to 3,729 in 2023.

### COURT SERVICES OVERTIME HOURS

Court Services deputies worked 11,375.59 hours of overtime in 2023, compared to 6,216 hours in 2022.

### PRISONERS PROCESSED

In 2023, a total of 12,967 prisoners and juvenile offenders were processed through Court Services.

### DISTRICT AND CIRCUIT REMOTE COURT PROCEEDINGS

In 2021, deputies began overseeing district and circuit court remote proceedings utilizing Zoom platforms. In 2023, a total of 2,892 deputy assignments were deployed to conduct 4,624 remote court proceedings. Court services deputies processed court paperwork and used the jail management system to update 7,518 inmate booking files.

### JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS HANDLED BY COURT SERVICES: TRIALS

In 2023, deputies transported and maintained custody and security of inmates and the court during 76 trials, which included 59 high-profile and/or multiple defendant cases. Deputies provided safety and security during 4,940 in-person circuit court proceedings and conducted 997 deployments to the main jail facility to deliver or retrieve inmate files and transport 573 newly arrested individuals taken into custody.

## PROBATE/FAMILY COURT: JUVENILE TRANSPORTS

Deputies assigned to probate transported 216 juveniles from Oakland County Children’s Village to other facilities for medical and non-medical related matters.

## COURTHOUSE SECURITY

### OFFICERS VISITING THE COURTHOUSE

In 2023, a total of 1,570 armed officers checked in at the circuit courthouse security checkpoints.

- 377 Uniformed Officers
- 1,193 Plain Clothes Officers

### WEAPONS

In 2023, deputies assigned to court security intercepted one (1) firearm, 2,104 edged weapons (6 edged weapons were intercepted from attorneys) and 405 were confiscated. Weapons include straight knives, pocketknives, scissors, brass knuckles, daggers, razors, box cutters, wallet knives, and other edged weapons. Court Security also intercepted 340 mace/pepper spray containers (2 mace containers were intercepted from attorneys) and 83 were confiscated.

### VISITORS ENTERING THROUGH COURTHOUSE SECURITY AREAS

In 2023, the total number of visitors entering Circuit Court was 244,075.

## FRIEND OF THE COURT SECURITY REPORT

### RECOVERED EDGED WEAPONS

Deputies assigned to the Friend of the Court security station 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.

### VISITORS ENTERING THROUGH COURTHOUSE SECURITY AREAS

In 2023, the total number of visitors entering Circuit Court was 244,075.

## DISTRICT COURT

### ARREST/TRANSPORT

District Courts deputies made 1,763 arrests and transported 318 prisoners to the Oakland County Jail. In 2023, deputies assigned to Rochester Hills 52-3 District Court conducted 1,134 court-ordered arrests – a 99% increase from 2022 where 568 court-ordered arrests were conducted.

## TOTAL WEAPONS COLLECTED AT DISTRICT COURTS AND SATELLITES SITES

In 2023, there was a total of 2,950 edged weapons intercepted (from citizens and attorneys in District Courts, Friend of the Court, and South Office Building) – 126 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)

In 2023, there were 6,110.50 hours provided during normal operating hours, and a total of 102.5 hours for after hour details.

### WATER RESOURCE COMMISSION (OPDYKE)

In July, part-time deputies began providing security for the Water Resource Commission’s Opdyke location in Pontiac. In 2023, there were 1,735 hours provided.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Deputies provide security for select Board of Commissioner meetings. In 2023 deputies were assigned to 211 details, an increase of 144 details from 2022. In 2023, a total of 1,781 hours were worked – an increase of 1,402 hours from 2022.

### THE RESULTS PROGRAM

Deputies provided security and administrative duties in Pontiac and Troy. The Results Program provides testing for court probationers who are required, by court order, to submit to specified urine and/or PBT tests. In 2023, deputies worked 13,321 total hours and conducted 7,976 drug screenings, 10,325 ETG screenings and 6,534 drug/ETG combined screenings.

SECURITY HOURS PROVIDED	
Water Resource Commission (WRC)	2,397
Children’s Village (with no significant incidents to report)	144
Sheriff’s Administration (38 East)	2,530
Pontiac Health Department	3,927.5
Southfield Health Building	3,965
Records Unit	2,365

 VISITORS ENTERED THROUGH THE DISTRICT COURTS: 356,539

## 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 911 center in Michigan. It handles all 911 emergency and non-emergency calls 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.

Call takers are fully trained and certified by the International Emergency Academies of Dispatch (IAED) in Emergency Telecommunications (ETC), and the three protocol disciplines: Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD), and Emergency Police Dispatch (EPD). The Sheriff's Office was the first agency in Michigan certified in all three dispatch protocols, which standardize the level of care given to all 911 callers by providing pre-arrival and post-dispatch instructions. These instructions help a caller calm their nerves, prepare the scene and allow the caller to provide proper aid until help arrives.

Telecommunicators attended more than a cumulative 4,000 hours of training for a new radio system and 911 phones upgrade and conducted three dispatch academies. New dispatch specialists attended a cumulative of 16,000 academy training hours, and almost 14,000 on-the-job training hours. Training included basic call taking; police and fire dispatch; recognizing and managing domestic violence, suicidal, and hesitant callers; leadership and communications; peer support; and crisis intervention. An added focus was tactical dispatchers to address high-stress, high-risk, on-going police and fire scenes such as SWAT and Search and Rescue Operations response, hazmat situations, and other large-scale incident responses.



*Captain Jen Miles*

### EMERGENCY DISPATCH CALLS



As technology and innovation in communications continues to advance, the Sheriff's Operations Center has adopted new messaging and location-based services for their callers that includes further integration of Text-to-911 to include Real Time Texting to enhance access to 911 for those with disabilities and language barriers. Our Text-to-911 system can translate the native language of a 911 texter into English and respond back with the translation. Streaming 911 calls into patrol cars in real time also reduces the response time for emergency calls.

The Sheriff's Operations Center managed 546,020 telephone calls and answered 211,204 total 911 calls, with cellular based emergency calls now accounting for 82% of the 911 calls.

## 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

## PATROL SERVICES

**COMMAND:** *Captain Bart Wilson*

*Lieutenant Anthony Spencer*

Contract Patrol Services provides primary police services to over 351,000 residents in 10 townships, three cities and two villages. Each community, in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office, customizes police services to best suit the needs of that community. Communities have access to the full range of support services including uniform patrol, traffic enforcement, investigations, school resource officers and various levels of police command. In October, four school resource officers were added.

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

- 416 Traffic
- Marine Safety
- Sheriff's Search and Rescue
- Motorcycle Traffic Unit
- Crash Reconstruction Unit
- Oakland County Parks Patrol
- Bicycle Unit
- Canine Unit
- Mounted Patrol
- Reserve Deputy
- Traffic Safety
- Drone Unit
- SWAT Unit
- Aviation Unit

Major events in 2023 included the Woodward Dream Cruise, Michigan Renaissance Festival, National Cemetery in Holly, motorcade with Secret Service for former President Donald Trump, assist with the Michigan State University shooting, Roadkill Nights, Festival of Hills Fireworks Show, Somerset Collection Mall, Michigan State Fair, Oakland Airport Open House, and assists to numerous Oakland County agencies for holiday parades and events.



*Major Christopher Wundrach*



*Captain Bart Wilson*

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 state-funded and provides traffic enforcement on secondary roads within Oakland County. The unit is available, upon request, to any police agency in Oakland County for any traffic-related enforcement and assistance including accident investigations.

This group of highly trained deputies is a mobile strike force that can respond to serious multiple vehicle crashes or police emergencies anywhere in the county. The unit 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 is an integral part of the Traffic Unit. It responds on a 24/7 basis to serious injury and fatal vehicle crashes and for other police agencies 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 both law enforcement and community relations. The Motorcycle Unit is one of the largest in Michigan. The 21 deputies assigned to the unit complete a rigorous 80-hour training course. A 3-day re-certification course is required at the beginning of each new riding season.

2023 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS	
Traffic Citations	30,795
Crash Investigation Call Outs - Fatal	31
Crash Investigation Call Outs - Serious	39



Total Calls for Service: 329,046



Total Arrests: 8,608

## AVIATION UNIT

The Aviation Unit consists of two highly sophisticated helicopters responsible for the aerial support of public safety and law enforcement activities. The helicopters often function as patrol units capable of handling services to completion with or without ground unit assistance and assisting in search and rescue missions. They work jointly with the Drone Unit to preserve/protect life and property. Examples of the unit's mission include:

- Assist in vehicle high-speed pursuits
- Aerial backup for ground units
- Surveillance
- Searches for fleeing or wanted suspects (lost, missing, suicidal subjects)
- Crime scene overflights to include photos and video
- Aerial patrol of utility infrastructure/ power substations/ water treatment facilities
- Accident scenes/ traffic control and monitoring
- Major fire and disaster scenes
- Assistance to SSRT-Dive team/SWAT/FAT/NET/Auto theft units

In 2023 the unit flew approximately 268 hours in Air 1 and 44 hours in Air 2. Aviation responses included:

- 130 - CFS
- 53 - Hours of overwatch
- 97 - Patrol flights
- 18 - Special details
- 20 - Assist to OCSO
- 20 - Assist to other agencies
- 9 - After hour call outs



## DRONE UNIT

The Drone Unit operates a variety of drone programs, including a full-time DFR (Drone First Responder) based in Pontiac, trialed in Rochester Hills, and DDS (Drones Deployed on Scene) assigned to every substation and select full-time special units like Auto Theft, 416 Traffic, and Crash Reconstruction. Various special units, including the SSRT (Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team), K9 Unit, Arson Unit, Crime Lab, and SWAT Team, regularly employ on-call drones.

The unit is the largest in Michigan and one of the nation's largest, with more than 85 FAA-certified drone pilots and 26 aircraft of diverse models and applications. Sharing knowledge, the Sheriff's Drone Unit has trained over 15 pilots from other agencies, routinely collaborating to elevate operational standards and practices.

In 2023, DDS drones responded to over 220 different calls for service. DFR, accumulating over 275 flight hours, responded to more than 970 calls for service. DFR played a pivotal role in numerous felony arrests, including cases involving stolen vehicles, police pursuits, illegal firearms, and assault. It also assisted co-responders in evaluating mental health crisis calls by providing a live view before their arrival on the scene.

## SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT) TEAM

The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team is a highly trained and specially equipped team of deputies and officers selected from throughout the Sheriff's Office and nine agencies within Oakland County. The SWAT Team responds to critical situations involving barricaded gunmen, high-risk warrant arrests, drug raids, civil disturbances, active assailant incidents, and other police emergencies. Continuous specialized training, along with sophisticated equipment, provides the team with the necessary capabilities to help resolve these dangerous missions swiftly and safely.

In 2023 the SWAT Team responded to approximately 86 requests for service.

The SWAT Team provided security at several high-profile events due to elevated national threat picture and the Presidential election cycle.

ACTIVATION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL-YTD
Barricaded Gunman					2	2					1	3	8
High Risk NET													0
High Risk FAT/DB (OCSO)						1		1	2		6	2	12
Assist Other Department		2	1		2				1				6
Partial/ReAct Team Activation		1				1			1			1	1
Security Detail						3							3
Event Security													0
Lot Security													0
Special Events							1						1
Political Events													0
Woodward								2					2
Funerals										1			1
Large Venue Events													0
Parades					1	10	10	10	11	5		5	52
CALLOUT CRIME REASON	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL-YTD
Armed Robberies						2							2
Homicides: ATT		1			1						1	1	3
Discharge Firearm (Injuries)		1			2				1				3
Discharge Firearm (No Injuries)													2
Domestic											1	1	2

## CANINE UNIT (K9)

The K9 Unit consists of 11 handlers and 14 dogs. Their capabilities include narcotic detection, explosives detection, arson detection, tracking for missing/fleeing persons, human remains detection, suspect apprehension, suspect area/building searches, evidentiary article searches, handler protection and crowd control. At its peak, the K9 unit consisted of 16 handlers, but due to attrition through handler retirements, and aging K9 related health issues, the unit size declined. The goal is to restore the unit size to meet today’s challenges.



In 2023, narcotics-trained K9 teams seized nearly 7,000 grams of illegal drugs, including 178 grams of the deadly drug fentanyl. They also recovered four illegally possessed handguns. K9 handlers accounted for 73 K9 related felony arrests.

Since the tragic events of the Oxford school shooting, the K9 Unit has seen a substantial increase in gun and bomb related school threats within Oakland County. Additionally, they increased their assistance to regional police departments due to gun or bomb related threats. The Sheriff’s Office has added one additional explosives detection team, an additional narcotics team, and a Search and Rescue Team tracking hound capable of detecting lost and endangered civilians and human remains detection. The K9 Unit has been integrated into the Sheriff’s Search and Rescue and SWAT Teams. They routinely assist local, state, and federal agencies including DEA, and the F.B.I. in numerous warrants or explosives related functions.

The K9 Unit and its dedicated handlers are nationally recognized as the gold standard in K9 law enforcement.

### 2023 CANINE UNIT STATISTICS

Total K9 Related CFS	623	Public Relations Demos	27
K9 Tracks	206	Explosives Related Sweeps	89
Narcotics Related Searches	86	K9 Related Arrests	73
Evidentiary Article Searches	41	School Sweeps	27
Suspect Building Searches	51	SSRT Related Assists	10
Alarm Related Building Checks	68	SWAT Assists	18

### 2023 NARCOTICS RELATED SEIZURES

Cocaine	4,075 gm	Meth	2,569 gm
Crack Cocaine	28 gm	Fentanyl	178 gm
Heroin	117 gm	Weapons	4

## MARINE UNIT

The Marine Unit – the largest in the state with more than 45 part-time deputies – patrols the numerous lakes in Oakland County. It is prepared for a ready response to any of the county’s 450 plus lakes that cover 70 square miles. The Marine Unit, which includes the Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Team, has 23 patrol boats, two rapid response jump boats, one hovercraft, six all-terrain vehicles, three specialty boats for search and rescue, and four snowmobiles assigned to the unit.



The unit maintains a 12-member, highly trained, dive and emergency rescue team, which is equipped with the latest advanced technology equipment and is ready to dive in virtually any weather or water condition. Oakland County has more registered boats and handles more watercraft accidents than any other county in the State. We continue to teach Boating and Hunting Safety Classes at no cost.

The Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Team (SSRT) responds to missions involving lost, stranded, injured and/or missing persons either on land or in the water. The team is responsible for the investigation of all serious boating and/or water related accidents. The team is comprised of 6 full-time deputies who have specialized training in search and rescue. The team deploys all-terrain vehicles and other specialized equipment utilized for rescue.

The Sheriff’s Office formed the Southeast Michigan Dive Group in 2022 to provide a professional response and/or support for water rescues and recovery incidents throughout Southeast Michigan. It is the largest mutual aid response dive group in Michigan and one of the largest in the country. The dive group is available 24/7, 365 days a year and is comprised of approximately 25 different agencies with more than 280 divers and over 180 support personnel.

### 2023 MARINE SAFETY UNIT

Calls for Service	334	Drownings	3
Boater Safety Students Certified	292	Near Drownings	1
Hunting Safety Students Certified	495	SSRT Total Callouts	68
Hours of Jump Patrol	3,755	SSRT Search and Rescue Hours (Water)	648
Hours of Contracted Lake Patrol	2,147	SSRT Search and Rescue Hours (Land)	1,424
Marine Citations	327	SSRT Serious Boating Accident Investigation	4
Fatal Boating Accidents	3		

## COMMUNITIES CONTRACTED FOR LAKE PATROLS IN 2023:

- 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 had another successful year while serving the residents of Oakland County. While our numbers have been depleted due to lingering COVID, our recruiting efforts have seen our ranks increased from 8 to 11 qualified riders.

The Mounted Unit duties include Paint Creek Trail patrols, parades, Search and Rescue Team assists, fireworks displays, and the annual Woodward Dream Cruise. They are also trained to assist with crowd control and civil unrest if needed. In 2021, the Mounted Unit was successfully attached to the Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Team as an apparatus for locating lost/missing persons.

While the Mounted Unit’s numbers are not yet at optimal levels, our recruiting and training efforts in 2024 will continue to provide the best possible service to the residents of Oakland County.

- Paint Creek Trail patrols 169 hours
- Recruiting events 28 hours
- Training 430 hours
- Parades 127 hours
- Special events 405 hours
- Search and Rescue callouts 15 hours
- Fireworks 4 hours
- Dream Cruise 33 hours



## PARKS UNIT

The Parks Unit provides contractual law enforcement services to all Oakland County Parks: 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. They are used for routine patrol, community, and public relations, searching for lost children and other related missions. The Mountain Bike Patrol has proven to be an asset at major public events in Oakland County such as the 4-H Fair, Antique Festival, Marshmallow Drop, Back Road Marathon, and other details.

2023 PARKS UNIT STATISTICS	
Arrests	8
• Misdemeanor	6
• Felony	2
Calls for Service Initiated	8,739
Park Unit Reports Written	74
Traffic Accidents Investigated	11

## RESERVE DEPUTIES

The Reserve Unit is comprised of 95 active reserves and is a community-based unit of uniformed trained volunteers. They have all attended a college-accredited Reserve Academy and upon graduation, join our full-time deputies on patrol or are assigned other law enforcement duties. Events include high school football and basketball games, community parades, Woodward Dream Cruise, Roadkill Nights, Sheriff PAL Events, Festival of Hills Fireworks Show, Oakland County Fair, local 4th of July events, Halloween Events, Christmas Tree Lighting Events, and Shop with a Hero/Cop Events.

2023 RESERVE DEPUTY HOURS SERVED	
Patrol	2,861
Training	6,120
Special Details & Events	6,497
Administrative	3,030
<b>Total Hours Worked</b>	<b>18,508</b>



## PONTIAC PATROL DIVISION BY THE NUMBERS



TRAFFIC STATISTICS	
Parking Violations	497
Appearance Violations	552
Commercial Vehicle Violations	161
Defective Equipment Violations	214

ARREST STATISTICS	
Felony Arrests	1,920
Felony Warrant Arrests	61
Misdemeanor Arrests	2,445
Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests	33
Friend of Court Arrests	298
Parole/Probation Violations Arrests	228
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>4,985</b>

## ROCHESTER HILLS PATROL SERVICES

### COMMAND: *Captain Russ Yeiser*

The Sheriff's Office takes pride in the fact that Rochester Hills remains one of the safest cities in America. In a 2023 survey, Rochester Hills residents had a 93% satisfaction rate with the Sheriff's Office and 98% felt safe in their home. The survey results show the trust and cooperation between the Sheriff's Office and Rochester Hills residents.



*Captain Russ Yeiser*

Rochester Hills deputies responded to 43,380 calls for service in 2023. When not responding to calls, deputies focused on crime prevention and mitigation by conducting 12,282 targeted patrols through schools, industrial parks, commercial buildings, and high visibility community-oriented neighborhood patrols.

### DETECTIVE BUREAU

In 2023 the Detective Bureau investigated or assisted with 1,848 cases, with a clearance rate of 53% of reported crimes in Rochester Hills. Despite a slight increase in criminal activity to include larceny from motor vehicle and robbery, there have been marked reductions in other crimes. There were no homicides in 2023, a 73% reduction in forcible sexual contact in the 4th degree, and 36% lowering of concealed weapons violations.

The Detective Bureau works closely with our patrol division, to bring closure for crime victims.

Teamwork between investigations and patrol was exemplified in 2023 when reports that a woman had been shot at while driving her vehicle in Rochester Hills came through dispatch. Patrol deputies quickly located the suspect's residence. Detectives interviewed the victim, witnesses and secured multiple search warrants to locate the suspect. After a 15-hour manhunt, the suspect was located and arrested and is awaiting trial.

Detectives continue to improve their skillset through training and collaboration with other law enforcement agencies. Two detectives continue their involvement in the FBI Metro Detroit Identity Theft Task Force. In 2023 there was a 100% decrease in fraud by computer hacking and an 18% drop in wire fraud. An 11% increase in identity theft motivates detectives to continue their partnership with the FBI.

Three detectives participate in the Major Crimes Assistance Team (MCAT), comprised of investigators from several Oakland County agencies. In 2023 MCAT helped Royal Oak police solve a serious assault investigation.

### COMMUNITY POLICING DEPUTY

The Sheriff's Office, Rochester Hills Substation Community Policing Unit, led by Deputy Mark Hickson and K9 Deputy Taser, engages with the community in various events, from smaller gatherings like HOA or scout meetings to larger events such as the Festival of the Hills or the OPC.

The focus on educating citizens and business employees on responding to an active assailant enhances community safety. Conducting security surveys of premises and on-site structures underscores the commitment to the community.

Community Policing is dedicated to law enforcement and actively working towards building a safer and more informed community through outreach. Such initiatives contribute significantly to fostering a positive relationship between law enforcement and the public.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES

The Substation School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit provided law enforcement support and police liaison services to over 31 schools in the Rochester Community Schools (RCS) District, the Avondale School District (ASD), and private schools in Rochester Hills.

The unit responded to over 700 calls in 2023, including threats against schools, assaults, fights, sexual assaults, child protective service investigations, extra patrols, welfare checks, tobacco and alcohol investigations, and traffic enforcement which resulted in over 260 investigative reports.

The unit conducted numerous presentations about drug/alcohol awareness, tobacco use, law, internet and social media use, sexting, and youth trends. The unit introduced high school students to a group called Fentanyl Fathers who spoke to students and parents on the impact Fentanyl and other opiates have on the community. The unit also participated in a Safety Summit Presentation for the public.

The unit works closely with area Youth Assistance Programs, RAYA and AYA. SROs receive training from the Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) in mental health and crisis response and provide valuable aid in getting people the proper community resources needed for mental health.

The unit continues to have a comfort K9 sponsored by OCHN, providing support, comfort, and community relations opportunities with youth, parents, and school staff.

Rochester Hills continues to invest in police services. The City Council approved two deputy positions for 2024, which will provide a deputy to staff the front desk at the substation on dayshift and afternoon shifts Monday through Friday.

### ROCHESTER HILLS PATROL DIVISION BY THE NUMBERS



Calls for Service: **43,380**  
Average Daily Calls: **118**  
Incident Reports: **3,502**



Cases Assigned for Additional Investigation: **1,848**  
Felony Arrests: **380**  
Misdemeanor Arrests: **1,150**

**2,253** Traffic Crashes  
**4,222** Moving Violations  
**4,717** Non-Moving Violations  
**190** Appearance Violations  
**387** Commercial Vehicle Violations



**10,709**  
Total Traffic Violations Issued

## INVESTIGATIVE AND FORENSIC SERVICES

**COMMAND:** *Captain Joseph Quisenberry*

The Investigative and Forensic Services Division is comprised of specialized and cross-trained units and task forces that assist other divisions within the Sheriff's Office. Areas of expertise include fugitive and absconder apprehension, fire and arson investigation, crime scene analysis, narcotics enforcement, auto theft, major crime/special investigations, and computer crimes investigations. Each unit focuses on its specialty but has been cross trained to assist each other and other divisions. The division also includes the Forensic Science Laboratory (crime/DNA Lab), the evidence/property room, warrants unit, Friend of the Court Enforcement, and Violent Gangs Task Force. Each unit within the division is required to perform background investigations. The division is responsible for receiving, distributing, and tracking information from the Crime Stoppers tip line, 1-800-SPEAK UP.



*Captain Joseph Quisenberry*

## AUTO THEFT UNIT (A.T.U.)

The Auto Theft Unit is a multi-jurisdictional task force directed by the Sheriff's Office. The 12-member team is comprised of officers from area police departments including Hazel Park, Detroit, Farmington Hills, and Southfield as well as the Sheriff's Office. Funding is provided in part by a grant from the Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA). Each individual department makes up the balance. The unit investigates all auto theft-related crimes throughout the county and has seen an increase in criminal cases involving organized commercial vehicle theft operations and catalytic converter thefts from vehicles. The unit is now using license plate reader technology which has resulted in numerous recoveries and arrests regarding stolen vehicles.

AUTO THEFT UNIT ACTIVITY		
	2022 TOTALS	2023 TOTALS
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	473	664
Recovered Value	\$10,817,162	\$13,311,149
Number of Cases	711	754
Warrants Obtained	216	271
Total Arrests - Persons	216	271

## COMPUTER CRIMES UNIT

Computer Crimes and its five detectives perform complex digital forensic examinations, investigations, search warrant and multimedia assistance. The backlog times of forensic examinations remained consistent over 2023, with cell phone examinations backed up anywhere from a few weeks to a month and computer examinations are backlogged approximately 6-8 months. Cell phones and mobile devices continue to be the most common evidence items brought in for examination.

Two CCU detectives were recently recognized by the United States Secret Service as two of the top 100 examiners in the nation.

C.C.U. continues to experience increased demand for cellular data and cellular tower analysis, mapping of the data, and assistance in writing search warrants for this type of data. Cell tower analysis and mapping of locations resulted in prosecutions for several serial criminals. The demand for cell phone forensics remains high, due to it being a primary device for the overall population. The requests for laptops and computer tower analysis remained constant in previous years.

COMPUTER CRIMES UNIT ACTIVITY		
	2022 TOTALS	2023 TOTALS
Forensic Examination Cases	406	502
Items of Media Analyzed	924	1,249
Amount of Data Analyzed	74 TB	106.3 TB
C.C.U. Cases	5	52
Search Warrant/Agency Assists	223	463
Internet Safety Presentations and Training Sessions	9	19

## 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. Property room personnel are responsible for the final destruction, release, or auction of property once the electronic authorization is received. This includes physically observing the destruction of property and personally releasing property to citizens.

The property room moved to the new Evidence Storage Facility in 2023. Preparation for the move resulted in a decrease from the previous year in the number of weapons destroyed and amount of property destroyed. The total number of property tag cards issued for 2023 was **4,147**.

EVIDENCE/ PROPERTY ROOM STATISTICS		
	2022 TOTALS	2023 TOTALS
Total Property Received	6,211	4,147
Property Destroyed - Main Property Room	4,357	2,747
Weapons Destroyed	427	228
Property Released	758	897
Auctioned Property - Main Property Room	71	50
Cell Phones Sold to eCycle	175	102
Deposited Money in Sheriff's Enhancement Fund	\$4,052	\$3,598
Deposited Money in Unclaimed Fund	\$3,349	\$1,532

## FIRE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (F.I.U.)

The nationally recognized Fire Investigations Unit assisted more than 33 police and fire service agencies. The unit conducted 140 investigations, with seven of them resulting in at least one fatality. Recorded property losses totaled \$19.7 million. Seven arrest warrants and ultimate convictions were obtained, and 2 cases are pending in Oakland County Circuit Court.

2023 was the 17th year that F.I.U. had access to a K9 accelerant detection dog – one of only 6 in Michigan. This K9 has gone through extensive training to point out the exact location where accelerants were used in setting a fire. K9 “Sterk” and his handler responded to 21 arson-related requests and were helpful in making multiple arrests. Deputy Richardson and K9 Sterk are utilized on not only Sheriff’s Office fire callouts but also to other agencies when needed, both inside the county as well as outside of Oakland County.

With the number of police and fire departments having budget challenges and retirements, F.I.U. has seen an increase in callouts to new areas in the county. They have also been instrumental in the training of new fire marshals and fire investigators.

FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORTS		
	2022 TOTALS	2023 TOTALS
Accidental Fires	40	31
Arson Fires	49	30
Undetermined Fires	36	79
<b>TOTAL FIRES INVESTIGATED</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>140</b>

## FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY

The Sheriff’s Forensic Science Laboratory maintained its ISO/EIC 17025:2017 international accreditation. An onsite ANAB inspection was conducted in June and the Toxicology Unit was accreditation for blood alcohol testing. The **Biology Unit** hired two analysts to replace vacancies. One analyst has completed training and the other will complete training in early 2024. The unit completed 545 cases, which included 289 violent crimes. The **Firearms Unit** completed 1,202 cases, 1,403 IBIS entries and 333 potential IBIS hits while in the process of training a new analyst and a technician. The **Drug Chemistry Section** processed 1,116 cases. A high percentage of substances contain fentanyl. The **Latent Print Unit** processed 619 cases. One member of the unit was awarded the 2023 FBI Biometric Identification Award. Two part-time Forensic Technician hours were restored to 1,000 hours.

FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY TESTING		
	2022 TOTALS	2023 TOTALS
Cases tested for Outside Agencies	2,814	2,695
Cases tested for Sheriff’s Office	1,731	1,586
Cases tested for RESULTS Program (Toxicology)	26,747	24,835
Crime Scene Investigations	32	27
Drug Cases Tested	1,212	1,116
Firearms/Tool Mark Cases Tested	1,347	1,202
Latent Print Cases Tested	544	619
Biology Cases Tested	768	545
CODIS Hit Confirmations	97	105
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis	0	1
Blood Alcohol Tested	253	179

## FRIEND OF THE COURT ENFORCEMENT UNIT (F.O.C.)

The Friend of the Court Enforcement Unit 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 or FOC warrants in Michigan.

The use of Wanted Posters – which identify parents for whom arrest warrants have been authorized for failure to pay or failing to appear in court – has resulted in several dozen additional arrests and/or closed cases by compliance every year. FOC financial operations set the 2023FY overtime budget at \$180,000.

In 2023, the number of warrants issued decreased by approximately 4% over 2022. Current support collections remained the same at 76.1%. Arrears case support collections was up 1.6%, finishing at 54% up, from 52.5% in 2022. Statewide arrears support was at 43.4% for 2023.

In 2023, 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		
	2022 TOTALS	2023 TOTALS
New Bench Warrants Issued	4,597	4,378
FOC Investigator Initiated Arrests	943	901
Bench Warrants Canceled	3,542	4,153
Prisoner Pick-Ups (Statewide)	311	140
Resulting Surrenders/Compliance	3,343	3,337

## 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 for trial. The investigators lend their professional expertise to local law enforcement agencies in Oakland County that request assistance with fugitive apprehension, investigations, and surveillance. In 2023, 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 country.

FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TEAM STATISTICS		
	2022 TOTALS	2023 TOTALS
Total Fugitive Arrests	220	304
Total Extraditions	11	39

## NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM (N.E.T.)

Since 2001, the Sheriff's Office has led the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (N.E.T.) in a working relationship with federal and local police departments. In 2023, N.E.T. worked closely with our partners to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations, seizing more than \$35.6 million worth of illegal drugs throughout Oakland County. N.E.T. had substantial seizures of cocaine, fentanyl, marijuana, Psilocybin and Promethazine which contributed to the increase in value from 2022. N.E.T. successfully forfeited and closed cases that resulted in the distribution of \$875,000 to the 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 2023, the amounts of Psilocybin and Promethazine dramatically increased in our area. N.E.T. continues to view heroin/fentanyl as a major threat in Oakland County and mirror the drug trends throughout Southeast Michigan.

## NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM (N.E.T.)

The N.E.T. Property Room is staffed with one full-time Property Room Technician who is responsible for ensuring the proper maintenance of all property submitted into the N.E.T. Property Room.

NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM (N.E.T) EVIDENCE/ PROPERTY ROOM STATISTICS		
	2022 TOTALS	2023 TOTALS
Total Property Received	4,281	3,365
Weapons Seized	112	78
Vehicles Seized	87	46
Auctioned Property Items	166	186
Auctioned Property - Deposited	\$129,718	\$157,101
Cell Phones Sold to eCycle	190	216
Operation Medicine Cabinet (Prescription Drugs Destroyed)	2,449 lbs	3,710 lbs
Total Drugs Destroyed (NET)	1,063 lbs	804 lbs

NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM ACTIVITY		
	2022 TOTALS	2023 TOTALS
Investigations Initiated	411	345
Arrests - Persons	242	208
Arrests - Charges	567	432
DRUGS PURCHASED/SEIZED		
Cocaine	13,908.57 gm	5,176.4 gm
Crack Cocaine	1,307.03 gm	958.76 gm
Marijuana	1,671.29 lbs	421 lbs/ 806 units
Marijuana Gummies/Wax/Oil	34,790.44 gm/ 74 units	26,966 gm
Promethazine	567,790.8 gm	494,411 oz
Fentanyl	2,740.78 gm	26,788.33 gm
Fentanyl Pills	112 units	71 units
Heroin/Black Tar Heroin	1,295.08 gm	106.6 gm
Ecstasy/MDMA	241.89gm/ 683 units	31.99 gm
LSD Tabs	1,359 units	437 units
Methamphetamine	3,548.23 gm	2,597.28 gm/ 25.5 units
Psilocybin	21,391.73 gm	15,967.94 gm
Prescription Drugs	94.02 gm/ 11,670 units	111.08 gm/ 9,972.7 units
Other Dangerous Drugs	217.90 units	47.52 gm/ 84 units
<b>Approximate Value of Drugs Purchased/Seized</b>		<b>\$35,634,131.20</b>

## 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 both the state and federal levels. S.I.U. provides investigative support to all divisions of the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies, including local, state and federal agencies as well as the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. S.I.U. provides investigative assistance on major crimes, including homicides, sexual assaults, robbery, serial crimes of violence and financial crimes. The financial crimes section of S.I.U. is responsible for all mortgage and deed fraud investigations. S.I.U. is the 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.

Forensic polygraph examinations are part of S.I.U. Polygraphs are conducted for all law enforcement agencies within Oakland County.

In 2023, S.I.U. conducted 132 investigations, several of which were from other law enforcement agencies. A total of 136 polygraphs were also conducted. S.I.U. investigates all major inmate incidents within the Corrective Services and Satellite Facilities divisions. Examples include in-custody deaths, escapes, jail disturbances, possession/distribution of illegal drugs or contraband and assaults on corrections staff.

## WARRANTS UNIT

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

Total Warrants Handled: 10,501

WARRANT UNIT ACTIVITY		
	2022 TOTALS	2022 TOTALS
Felony Warrants	384	492
Misdemeanor Warrants	104	120
Civil Warrants	41	22
Total Warrants Cleared*	529	634
Total Person Arrested (Warrant Pickups)	420	502
Extradition Hearings	106	111

\*One person may have multiple arrests.

## HOMELAND SECURITY WELLNESS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**COMMAND:** *Captain Todd Hill*

The Emergency Response and Preparedness Division (ERP) provides a host of vital and unique services to the Sheriff's Office, law enforcement agencies and Oakland County residents. It is comprised of diverse and specialized units. Each unit provides vital and unique services to the Sheriff's Office, local law enforcement agencies, and Oakland County residents, including:

- Comfort K9 Unit
- Co-Responder (CoRe) Program
- Crisis Response Unit
- Homeland Security & Emergency Response Management
- Mass Decontamination Unit (MDU)
- Professional Development
- Peer Support Program
- Recruiting & Career Development
- Sheriff's Shield Program
- SWAT (Special Weapons & Tactics) Team
- Training Unit
- Wellness



*Captain Todd Hill*

## COMFORT K9 UNIT

The Comfort K9 Unit is comprised of 13 Cavalier King Charles spaniels. Comfort K9s are trained in basic obedience and therapy canine training, designed to comfort both first responders and community members when dealing with traumatic incidents and everyday life stress. Comfort K9s work in different areas of the agency to reach as many people as possible; assigned to patrol, school resource officers, community liaison officers, dispatch, special units, and the Peer Support Team.



The Cavalier breed was chosen for its personality traits (affectionate with families, good temperament with young children, and good temperament with other dogs). The breed is notable for its four distinct color patterns: Blenheim (chestnut markings on a white background), Tricolor (black markings on a white background), Black and Tan (black with tan markings), and Ruby (a rich red).

The Comfort K9s deploy multiple times per day assisting the community along with an additional 106 special events. There are two Comfort K9s assigned to the Emergency Response & Preparedness Division:

Cali (Instagram @deputy.cali) and Scarlett (Instagram @deputy.scarlett).

## CO-RESPONDER (CoRe) PROGRAM

The Sheriff's Office Co-Responder (CoRe) Program is a mental health community outreach initiative, which contracts 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 serves to supplement the overall response with a specialized approach to provide added support to first-responding officers before, during, and after a crisis occurs.

The goal in an incident stemming from 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. This cooperative initiative seeks to enhance community response to people in crisis by embedding a proactive mental health clinician in the field who provides services and resources for proper mental health follow-up. By doing this we reduce the need for repeated and emergency police involvement. The ideal resolution for a behavioral health crisis incident is to connect the subject involved with resources that can provide long term stabilizing support.

### On-Scene Outcome:

- Left under care of self/family: 73
- Voluntary transport to clinic or mental health facility: 62
- Involuntary transport to clinic or mental health facility: 18
- Arrests: 8

### Co-Responder Outcome:

- Resources given: 70
- This includes but is not limited to: "Community Resource by Insurance" list, HAVEN Shelter, Community Housing Network or other housing agencies, warming centers, RISE Center, general information on SSU and/or OACIS.
- Referral to OCHN: 27
- Petition to clinic or mental health facility (for involuntary or voluntary transports): 40

## CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT

The Sheriff's Office received a three-year grant to fund a Crisis Response Unit (CRU) from December 2022 to December 2025). The unit works cooperatively with community stakeholders and responds to incidents county wide, identifying potential needs from calls for service linked to Opioid/substance abuse. Partnering with the Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN), the CRU provides referral to applicable services and enhanced response to persons in crisis, to reduce opioid, stimulant, and substance abuse, along with treating mental health.

In 2023 the Crisis Response Unit (CRU) has achieved significant milestones in their commitment to addressing substance use and mental health challenges. The unit identified over 3,300 calls for services related to mental health and substance use disorders. Contact was made with 449 persons with mental health/substance use disorder or family and friends. Many accepted assistance or support in the form of advice, transportation, pantry services, housing, peer navigation, and most important connection to treatment.

Collaborating with the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities and Oakland Community Health Network the CRU has 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 contracted patrol areas brought about 508 overdose incidents with 93 tragically claiming the life of the victim. Alternatively, 143 of those incidents involved deputies deploying lifesaving overdose reversal medications (Narcan/OPVEE) with a 90% success rate.

## HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANAGEMENT

In early 2002, the Oakland County 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 select 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 to its goal of building and improving the county's ability to respond to major incidents while working in conjunction with its partner agencies.

This unit is responsible for conducting and reviewing security clearances for all employees and contractors who have access to all Sheriff's Office facilities.

In 2023, a total of 542 clearance checks were completed complying with CJIS standards.

## MASS DECONTAMINATION UNIT (MDU)

The Sheriff's Office Mass Decontamination Unit (MDU) 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 that are certified in Hazardous Material Awareness and Hazardous Material Operations. The unit has been used in events such as the Woodward Dream Cruise and Arts, Beats & Eats to be prepared for emergencies.

## PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM (PSP)

The Peer Support Program (PSP) assists agency personnel with Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) services, specifically confidential peer support assistance. Recognizing that while performing daily first responder duties, agency personnel become involved in and are exposed to incidents that have the potential to cause various forms of short and/or long-term emotional trauma. PSP offers:

- 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

Comprised of 30 trained members and one full-time deputy, PSP is available for all Sheriff's Office personnel who need assistance in their professional or personal life. The goal is to be a productive and healthy employee, on and off duty.

## RECRUITING & CAREER DEVELOPMENT UNIT

The Sheriff's Office implemented a dedicated recruiter to increase staff recruitment and retention in 2023. The size and degree of staff turnover made ongoing recruitment necessary. The recruiting sergeant is trained in all facets of recruitment, including hiring and retention, career opportunities and training available, union contracts, salaries and benefits and state/federal requirements for staff certifications.

The Recruiting Teams highlights this year include:

- Streamlining the application process
- Improved communication with applicants
- Creating a recruiting website [www.JoinOCSO.com](http://www.JoinOCSO.com)
- Recruiting at local police academies, college career fairs and attending high school career days
- Attending MiCareer Quest
- Recruitment events offering LCOPAT/EMPCO testing
- Attending Recruitment/Retention training

The recruiting team proctored the LCOPAT and EMPCO testing at the Brandon Training Facility 11 times, allowing prospective applicants to view the training facility, speak with a recruiter and meet future coworkers. This was the most successful recruiting tool for Corrections Deputy I.

In May 2023, the [joinOCSO.com](http://joinOCSO.com) website provided a "Talk to a Recruiter" entry at the bottom of every page, connecting prospective applicants with staff. From May until December, 176 contacts resulted in 59 applications.

Overall, Deputy I had 230 applicants, resulting in the hiring of 53 deputies. Deputy II had 105 applicants, with 40 deputies hired, and Dispatch had 243 applicants, resulting in the hiring of 19 dispatchers.

APPLICATIONS/ HIRED		
Deputy I Openings	183 Applicants	70 Hired
Deputy II Openings	113 Applicants	29 Hired
Dispatch Openings	78 Applicants	12 Hired
Six college interns fulfilled college credits by riding along with a deputy and job shadowing at various work locations. One intern was hired as a corrections deputy.		

## 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's 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. Private sector professionals are the eyes and ears of the community and have access to information which can benefit law enforcement. Reporting suspicious activity is paramount in the prevention of future terrorist attacks on our communities.

In September 2023, the Sheriff's Office and the Detroit Police Department successfully cohosted the Fifth Annual Global Shield Conference, attended by public and private professionals from multiple states and several international countries.

## TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit develops, schedules, and coordinates all in-service, on-site, and off-site training. It is designed to cover the Sheriff's Office constant educational needs. The unit oversees training for MCOLES (Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards) licensed officers, MSCTC (Michigan Sheriffs' Coordinating & Training Council) certified corrections officers, certified dispatcher specialists, inmate services workers, and other civilian personnel. A robust agency instructional staff, combined with specialized on-site/off-site vendor training, provides the Sheriff's Office with the best training available.

The Training Unit establishes and maintains a wide variety of training records relating to Sheriff's Office personnel and manages several ancillary functions including:

- LCOTS certified Corrections Academy including a certified LCOPAT testing site
- A Training Officer program for Corrections, Law Enforcement Services, and Dispatchers
- A firearms range for handgun, shotgun, rifle, TASER, baton and pepper spray
- Operation of the "VirTra" simulation training equipment
- Oversight of the state of Michigan – M.C.O.L.E.S. licensing process and Police Academy attendees
- Management of the Sheriff's Office Cadet Program
- Database management of all Sheriff's employees' training records and additional statistic management
- Policy review and implementation
- Management of the Virtual Academy online training site and records
- Recruiting

The Training Unit remains committed to providing the most up to date and professional training available, based on best practices and lessons learned, while maintaining fiscal responsibility and budget oversight.

Training highlighted in 2023 included:

Winter In-Service Training: Advanced Active Assailant Response

- Open air approaches
- Subject control (Handcuffing)
- Solo deputy response
- Asymmetric threats and attacks
- Rescue Task Force

Summer In-Service Training: Below 100 and Traffic Stops

- Below 100 Program
- Traffic stop presentation
- Fundamentals of traffic stops (RBT)
- Felony traffic stops (RBT)

Fall In-Service Training: 1st/2nd Amendment Auditors

- 1st Amendment Auditor Presentation
- Pistol manipulation drills (Using Cover and Positional Shooting)
- ASP/baton recertification
- Taser recertification

Additional courses and training materials are offered throughout the year via a Virtual Academy platform, offering educational videos, classrooms, and examinations to personnel and to track their progress.

The Training Unit facilitated three 10-week Corrections Academies, training 48 deputies. Following the Corrections Academies, 38 deputies completed a 10-week Corrections Training Officer program. The unit also hosted two 96-hour Re-Entry/Core Training Correctional Academies for 20 deputies who laterally hired into the Sheriff's Office from other agencies.

The Training Unit facilitated five 7-week Dispatch Academies, training 20 Dispatch Specialists for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

One Reserve Academy – eight reserve deputies were trained.

Ten deputies attended the Oakland Police Academy in 2023. Each deputy was MCOLES certified.

In 2023 the Training Unit Range Masters supervised over 6,000 appointments, allowing deputies to train and qualify with several issued weapons systems. Firearms training and qualification consumed over 300,000 rounds of various ammunition types. In addition to those appointments, the following firearms training and management was conducted:

- Inspection and maintenance of duty weapons to include approximately 1,200 Glock 17 firearms.
- Inventory and maintenance of over 375 patrol rifles.
- Inventory and maintenance of over 200 shotguns.
- Facilitated thousands of scenario-based training exercises using VirTra simulation training equipment.
- Three Patrol Rifle Certification Courses
- Four Shotgun Certification Courses

Community policing efforts and outreach programs continue to be an important part of the OCSO Training Unit philosophy. In 2023, the Training Unit conducted Civilian Active Assailant Response training for community members and received a grant and Oakland County Board of Commissioner funding to support Community Policing and Educational Events.

In 2023, the Training Unit trained more than 10,338 people from schools, houses of worship, and non-profit organizations.

Community Policing and Education events include realistic de-escalation, implicit bias, response to resistance, mental health, reform initiatives, among others. The program breaks down barriers and encourages law enforcement and residents to have frank discussions about important topics.



## 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.

2022 CLEARANCE RATES		
SUBSTATION	2022 TOTALS	2021 TOTALS
Addison Twp	69.09	60.34
Brandon Twp	73.81	73.76
Clarkston, City of - Patrolled by the Independence Twp Substation	57.14	48.44
Commerce Twp	44.41	48.47
Highland Twp	52.50	54.36
Independence Twp	44.43	46.15
Lyon Twp	44.27	49.83
Oakland Twp	44.27	52.63
Orioin Twp	54.55	56.76
Oxford Twp	79.65	74.44
Pontiac, City of	57.74	60.76
Rochester Hills, City of	55.41	58.20
Springfield Twp	40.96	57.81

*\*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.

2022 RECORDS UNIT STATISTICS			
Gun Registration	13,390	FOIA Requests	2,774
Gun Purchase Permits	489	FOIA Paid Invoices Through GovQA	\$73,307
CPL Applicant Fingerprints	1,861	Subpoena/ Discovery Requests	517
Criminal Justice Livescan Applicant Fingerprints	966	Digital Media Evidence (DME)	1,205
Criminal Justice Livescan Out-of-County Fingerprints	169	Video Requests	1,482
Inked Fingerprints	1,107	Inmate Files processed	10,287
Court Ordered Fingerprints/ Non-Custody Arrests	297	Background Checks (In-Person)	226
Photostats (Reports)	794	Michigan Incident Crime Reporting - Warning Reports	1,463
Sex Offender Registration	2,654	Application for Tax Paid Transfer and Registration of Firearms (Silencer/ Suppressor)	1,354
Sex offenders In & Out of Custody	253		

## 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 13 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.

## 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. 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 High-Tech Recycling to provide no contact earth-friendly services to Oakland County residents. Prescription drug collection, bicycle recycling, electronic recycling, and environmental education were just a few of the services offered, and several hundred Oakland 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.



## 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.

## 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. During the 2023-2024 school year, Leo's Coney Island and Emagine Entertainment partnered up with Student of the Month 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 13 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 2023. They are listed alphabetically.

Ayer-Belian, Tammy	Dispatch Specialist Shift Leader	25 Years
Bisio, Thomas	Fire Investigator	30 Years, 9 Months
Chattersson, Ronald	Deputy II	27 Years, 3 Months
Fuqua, Nalisa	Office Supervisor II	25 Years, 10 Months
Giolitti, Christopher	Sergeant	11 Years, 5 Months
Goldberg, Andrew	Sergeant	24 Years, 2 Months
Griem, Earl	Deputy I	25 Years, 2 Months
Hendrick, David	Sergeant	34 Years, 1 Month
Jennings, Sean	Lieutenant	32 Years, 11 Months
Kyriakides, Christos	Deputy I	26 Years, 9 Months
Lenz, Frank	Lieutenant	25 Years, 4 Months
Lodge, Jennifer	Deputy I	25 Years, 4 Months
Louden III, Keith	Deputy II	4 Years, 9 Months
Richert, Gary	Deputy II	35 Years, 9 Months
Russell, Donald	Deputy II	12 Years, 2 Months
Simpkinson, Mickey	Deputy II	22 Years, 9 Months
Topacio, Christopher	Deputy II	31 Years, 3 Months
Wooley, George	Deputy II	25 Years, 2 Months



### OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to the safety and protection of the residents, visitors and businesses within our boundaries. We are committed to keeping our courts and correctional system secure. Under the direction of Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard, our service is built upon integrity, respect, vision, and leadership.

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