



# OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*2007  
annual  
report*



## MISSION STATEMENT

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



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## OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Michael J. Bouchard  
January, 2008

Dear Citizens and Local Leaders:

As head of one of the largest full-service law enforcement organizations in the nation, I am proud to present the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Annual Report for 2007. This year's annual report details the organizational structure, services provided, and accomplishments of the Sheriff's Office during 2007.

With the State of Michigan and Oakland County being challenged by decreased revenues and budget cuts, law enforcement concerns are at a critical high. Home foreclosure rates are rising at a dramatic pace, and our unemployment rate is higher than our State has seen in years. We remain steadfast in our dedication to providing services to all residents and businesses within our borders of over 910 square miles, including 2500 miles of roads and more than 450 lakes.

In addition to providing comprehensive law enforcement services to over 1.2 million Oakland County residents - ranging from a Forensic Science Laboratory to a Fugitive Apprehension Team to a Jail and Corrections System housing over 2,000 inmates to an Aviation Unit and more - the Oakland County Sheriff's Office is the sole provider of patrol and law enforcement services for over 275,000 of those residents through law enforcement contracts in 15 different communities.

Even in these tough economic times, we are consistently meeting the demands which are placed upon us as law enforcement professionals, providing the best services with the most technologically advanced resources available. Increasing our level of efficiency without sacrificing public safety is a continuous goal and we are always open to comments and suggestions on ways to achieve this.

I hope you find this report informative. We at the Sheriff's Office are honored to be able to protect and serve you every day.

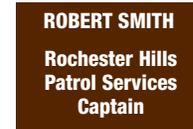
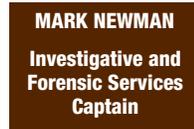
Sincerely,



Michael J. Bouchard  
OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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- \* Mounted Unit
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- \* Reserves
- \* School Liaison
- \* Traffic Unit
- \* Alarm Encf.
- \* Weighmaster
- \* Crime Prevention Unit

- \* Civil Unit
- \* Communications Unit
- \* Concealed Weapons Board
- \* Training Unit
- \* Homeland Security and Preparedness

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

*Business Manager: Dale A. Cunningham, Ph.D.*

*Human Resources Supervisor: Pamela Newsom, M.A.*

Administrative Services is responsible for managing a budget of \$127 million and conducting all business and human resource functions as well as oversight of the Records Unit. This Division maintains accounting, payroll, uniforms, supplies, benefits, and income account deposits. In 2007, there were a total of 50 appointments to full-time positions, and 46 to part-time positions. Income accounts include bonds, fines and costs, and money used for the purchase of commissary items by inmates and for lodging at the Sheriff's Office Work Release Facility.

**2007 Revenues**

Contract Law Enforcement Services.....	\$27,593,416
Contract Correctional Services.....	\$482,813
Contract Dispatch Services.....	\$361,678
Inmate Board and Care – Main Jail.....	\$726,404
Commissary.....	\$1,427,234
Work Release Facility.....	\$1,090,241
OUIL Third and Deferred Offender.....	\$2,447,408
Reimbursement of Salaries.....	\$3,183,101

**Bond Account Deposits**

Regular.....	\$1,983,131
Interim.....	\$395,883
Fines & Costs.....	\$434,102
Bond Fees.....	\$725
Overages/(Shortages).....	(\$100)
TOTAL DEPOSITS.....	\$2,813,741

**Inmate Account Deposits**

Booking Receipts.....	\$780,271
Visitation Receipts.....	\$1,893,222
Overages/(Shortages).....	(\$170.98)
TOTAL DEPOSITS.....	\$2,673,323

**Records Unit**

The Records Unit is an efficient, customer service-oriented entity that does the processing and retention of all of the OCSO's incident reports, traffic accident reports, tickets, inmate folders and purchase permits. Responsible for the editing, data-entry, retrieval and forwarding of information and statistics from these files, the Records Unit team handles tens of thousands of records while serving the public in a friendly, professional manner. Other functions of the Records Unit include: sex offender registration, gun registration, concealed weapons applicant fingerprinting and background checks, pawn entries, freedom-of-information-requests, inmate identity

transfer corrections, non-public records entries and various government agency, law enforcement agency and citizen requests for background checks and incarceration information.

**Records Unit 2007**

Gun Registrations.....	4,399
Gun Purchase Permits.....	2,023
C.C.W. Fingerprints.....	3,666
Miscellaneous Prints.....	1,888
Photostats.....	1,501
Sex Offenders.....	1,224
F.O.I.A. Requests.....	1,103
Subpoena/Discovery Requests.....	565
License Applications.....	6
Videotape Requests.....	286
Inmate Files Processed.....	25,711
Laminating Sold (start date 4/30/07).....	1,501
Non-FOIA Requests Through FOIA Desk.....	116
Non-Public Records Processed.....	1,000

The Records Unit of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office processes the applications for fingerprinting and background investigations. The Oakland County Clerk's office issues the permits and coordinates the monthly meetings.

The following are the 2007 calendar year statistics for the Oakland County Concealed Weapons Licensing Board:

Permits Pending.....	181
Permits Issued.....	3,655
Permits Denied.....	96
Permits Suspended.....	235
Permits Revoked.....	9
Permits Reinstated.....	64
Approximate valid permits in Oakland County.....	21,848

# CORRECTIONAL AND COURT SERVICES

*Commander: Major Charles A. Snarey*

*Corrections Administrator: Ann Russell*

Correctional and Court Services of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office are responsible for the operation of the Main Jail and Satellite Services, which includes Satellite Correctional Facilities and Court Services. In 2007, Charles A. Snarey was promoted to Major in command. Major Snarey holds monthly Command Staff meetings with both Satellite and Main Jail Commanders to discuss procedural improvements. In 2007, the Command Staff conducted a comprehensive review of operational procedures and implemented significant changes that improved safety for officers and inmates, contained costs, and increased overall efficiency.

**Procedural Review Highlights:** **Assignment Position Post Orders**  
**Inmate Rights Policy**  
**K-Block Operational Review: Operational policies were developed and instituted**  
**Taser Usage Operations Review: Policy for Taser usage was developed**  
**Guidelines established for Scared Straight Tours**  
**Sanitation process developed for entire Facility**

## CORRECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION – MAIN JAIL/ANNEX

*Commander: Captain Berry Zeeman*

The Main Jail provides for the custody and care of inmates, which includes providing clothing and food in a safe and secure environment during their period of pre-trial and sentenced incarceration. Additionally, the inmates receive support in the form of counseling, crisis intervention, adult education, recreation, visitation and chaplaincy.

In 2007, the Main Jail and Annex housed, on average, 1,158 of the total 1,814 inmates in the Oakland County corrections system. These 1,158 inmates ranged from low-level misdemeanor offenders to maximum security inmates charged with serious felonies up to and including first degree murder.

### *2007 Points of Interest:*

- 25,809 inmate admissions, a decrease of 4.63% from 2006;
- 26,527 inmate releases, a decrease of 3.61% from 2006;
- During the 2007 Jail inspection by the Michigan Department of Corrections, we received a 100% compliance rating, a significant accomplishment for a facility our size;
- A contract was developed with North Oakland Medical Center to establish a prisoner ward, resulting in better security and a significant reduction of deputy hours;
- Jail overcrowding continues to be a problem. During 2007, the Jail Emergency Overcrowding statutory release was enacted four times for a total of 924 reductions in inmate sentences. The Local Administrative Order sentence reduction plan was implemented nine times for a total of 245 inmate releases;
- Video arraignments have increased within the Main Jail, reducing the number of jail transports, while increasing staffing needs within the jail to accommodate the growing demand for video arraignments;
- Jail Renovation Project has proceeded into the con-



struction build out phase. Visitation, Master Control, Trusty Dorm, Commissary and Loading Dock area should be completed in the first half of 2008. This project has been a successful collaboration between the Sheriff's Office, private contractors and the County Facilities, Maintenance and Operations (FM&O);

- A cross-training program was presented to all Road Patrol Deputies. They were required to report to all work areas in Corrections for a procedural review of post orders and duties associated with each position;
- This division was the first to switch from Premier Mobile Data Computer report writing to the new NetRMS Record Management System. This required 8 hours of training for the entire staff. This system has been well received by the officers who appreciate the overall functionality of it;
- Three additional deputies were added to the IMACS (Inmate Management and Cost Recovery System) project. This jail management software system should be completed in the fall of 2008.



## CORRECTIONS PROGRAM SERVICES

*Chief: Mark Metalski*

### *Jail Classification Unit*

Jail classification is the process of assessing every jail inmate's custody and program needs. An effective system of classification will reduce escapes and escape attempts, inmate assaults and identify risks and needs presented by an inmate so that they may be housed appropriately. In 2007, the Classification Unit classified 15,526 inmates, an average of more than 42 inmates classified per day. Of these, 4,909 (32%) were referred to Program Services for casework services and 1,118 (7%) were referred to Substance Abuse (AA/NA). Classifications are made at intake and/or during the course of an inmate's sentence.

**Graduates of the Jail Alliance with Support program resulted in 6,760 jail bed days saved.**

### *Central Intake*

The Central Intake Screener has a very important role in providing recommendations to the Courts and assisting the Probation Department in determining an offender's eligibility to sentencing alternatives to jail. The Screener conducts interviews during the intake process to check for P.A. 511 (Community Corrections Act establishes funding through the Michigan Department of Corrections for local alternatives to jail) program eligibility, Sheriff's Life and Employment Skills Program (LESP) eligibility, as well as administers the COMPAS (Offender Risk and Needs Assessment). Participation in the Sheriff's LESP must be approved by the Court.

The Central Intake Screener also implements the Trusty Camp Sentence Reduction Program approved by the Circuit Court Bench and some of the District Court Judges. Trusty Camp inmates are low risk, non violent inmates.

**Central Intake Screening Statistics 2007**

Total Screenings .....	997
COMPAS Assessments Performed.....	384
Sheriff's LESP Participants (240 recommended).....	149
Trusty Camp Sentence Reduction Program Participants .....	306

***Sheriff's Life and Employment Skills Program (LESP), LESP-Misdemeanor Program, Challenge to Change Program***

In 2007, a total of seven, six-week sessions of LESP for felonies were completed, within which 267 inmates received an additional 25% sentence reduction. These inmates accounted for a total of 13,384 jail days saved.

Fiscal year 2007 also saw the beginning of two new programs, the LESP-Misdemeanor and the Challenge to Change Programs. LESP-M is a jail-based program created by funding received from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to address the misdemeanor population within the jail. The curriculum is similar to that of the LESP in that both utilize the concept of cognitive restructuring as the fundamental base of the program, but differ in that the LESP-M is only four

weeks in length. In 2007, a total of 9 LESP-M sessions were completed, within which 66 inmates received a 25% sentence reduction. These inmates accounted for a total of 2,747 jail days saved.

Challenge to Change is a program funded by Oakland County Community Corrections for convicted OUIL 3rd offenders who are also participating in the Work Release Program. The 14 session classroom curriculum is run by an outside contracted agency, but Sheriff's staff is responsible for placement, monitoring of appropriate compliance, and facilitating the subsequent 25% sentenced reduction. In 2007, 29 inmates successfully completed the curriculum which accounted for 1,039 jail bed days saved.

***Inmate Casework Unit***

In 2007, the Inmate Casework Unit received 6,403 referrals for services through a variety of sources such as courts, law enforcement, probation/parole staff, family, corrections staff, etc. Of these referrals, 1,864 were crisis interventions that require an immediate response from an Inmate Caseworker. Inmate Caseworkers provide on-call coverage for mental health emergencies on a 24-hour, seven day per week basis.



Inmate Caseworkers provide services within K-Pod, which is a temporary special observation housing area that provides direct supervision for inmates with special mental health needs. Caseworkers service this area on a rotating basis and conduct a daily review of inmates housed in this unit. In 2007, 512 inmate housing assignments were made to K-Pod either by Corrections or Program Services. For those moved out of K-Block, the average length of stay was 8.77 days (minimum = 1 day, maximum = 187 days).

***Post-Book Jail Diversion of the Mentally Ill: Jail Alliance with Support (JAWS)***

In 2007, Program Services continued to operate the post-book, jail diversion mental health program entitled Jail Alliance with Support (JAWS), which began in March 2005. The program seeks to provide a four-week “treatment readiness” protocol to mentally ill inmates, and then approach the court for a jail diversion of the inmate to services in the community. Of the 209 inmates placed into the program in 2007, 174 completed the treatment readiness protocol, and were then diverted to community based services. Graduates of the program resulted in 6,760 jail bed days saved. In October, we received a final renewal of monies from the four-year Byrne grant to continue the program through September 2008.

***Zero Tolerance Program (ZTOL)***

In 2007, there were 392 offenders sentenced to the ZTOL, a community based drug screening program. Of these, 252 successfully completed the program, which resulted in a total of 22,412 jail bed days saved. A total of 174 participants received jail sanctions and 135 participants were directed to treatment services as part of their sanction. ZTOL staff provides drug education classes. During 2007, a total of 5 new addiction classes were added and attendance exceeded 1,000 participants.

Beginning in September 2007 Zero Tolerance staff began meeting with ZTOL participants for community contacts for the purpose of assisting with needs or problems participants might be encountering within the community. Since implementation, staff has met with participants for over 50 contacts.

In addition to the Zero Tolerance Program, we coordinate with community volunteers who support twelve-step recovery groups within the jail. During 2007 over 3,200 male, and 1,000 female inmates participated in Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in the Oakland County Jail. Additionally, there were over 1,000 male and female inmates who participated in Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

***Booking Intervention***

Throughout 2007, Booking and Program Services continued to assist in resolving warrants held by other police agencies for those inmates sentenced to a residential treatment program.



In 2007, through the intervention of booking on 177 inmates, a total of 15,690 jail days have been saved. These are days that “non-assaulting” inmates would have had to spend in jail if we had not intervened to resolve outstanding holds.

**Program Services Jail Bed Days Saved Totals 2007**

JAWS Program .....	6,760
LESP, LESP-M & Challenge to Change Program. ....	17,170
ZTOL Program .....	22,412
Booking Intervention .....	15,690
<b>Total Jail Bed Days Saved .....</b>	<b>62,032</b>

### *Jail Health Clinic*

During the 2007 calendar year, the Jail Clinic continued to refine services to provide a higher quality of health care for the inmates in the most cost effective way. For example, one notable change occurred in April, when a contract was awarded to an agency to provide IV treatment to inmates in the jail. Previously, a hospital stay was required for any inmate needing long term IV therapy, which could sometimes mean a six to twelve week hospital stay.

North Oakland Medical Center (NOMC) was once again awarded the contract for inmate hospitalization and medical services. Part of this contract included providing the Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) with a secure unit, which opened in May. This change reduced staffing needs to secure the inmates and care was improved by having the patient inmates in a central area, allowing for greater physician oversight. The result was a decrease in the overall length of stay for individual hospitalizations. The OCSO has also been working with NOMC to provide ultrasound services in the jail to save the cost of transporting the inmates, which should reduce the number of outside appointments significantly and allow for testing in a more secure area. This service should begin in early 2008.

The jail's pharmaceutical contract, with accompanying pharmacy formulary, continues to be successful in reducing the cost of medical prescriptions. Technology is another area we are starting to explore, as the future use of telemedicine may provide opportunities to further decrease the number of inmates sent to outside appointments.

In February of 2007, the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), whose mission is to improve the quality of health care in jails, prisons and juvenile confinement facilities, awarded the OCSO correctional facilities full accreditation for a three year term. This accreditation is a reflection of the high degree of professionalism, attention to detail and dedication the Oakland County Jail's Health Clinic staff brings to their duties. This accreditation also assists in successfully defending medical lawsuits.



## SATELLITE AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

*Commander: Captain Henry Wallace*

The Satellite Services Division is headed by Captain Henry Wallace and is comprised of Satellite Correctional Facilities and Court Services.

Satellite Correctional Facilities include the Auburn Hills Campus Boot Camp, Frank Greenan Detention Facility and Trusty Camp, as well as the Southfield Detention Facility and Work Release Facility.

### *Boot Camp*

Also known as the Regimented Inmate Disciplinary Program (RIDP), this program is designed to house non-violent felons (Boot Camp Trainees) in a military-style environment, which emphasizes strict discipline along with substance abuse counseling, development of real world work skills, high-school graduation equivalency (GED), first aid training and physical fitness. If a Trainee does not have a high school diploma or a GED, they must attend GED classes. As a result, approximately 45% of the participants enrolled in these classes have been tested and earned their GED.

Any deputy interested in being assigned to the RIDP must attend a (forty plus week) Drill Instructor school, where they are trained in drill and ceremony, leadership traits and principles, counseling, inspections, and physical training. A total of 122 deputies have attended this training since 1996 and approximately half of those trained have been assigned to the RIDP.

Since the establishment of the RIDP in 1990, the program has graduated 2,562 participants. The savings to the taxpayers of Oakland County during the operation of this sentence reduction program has exceeded \$18 million and saved 276,000 days in jail.

2007 at the Boot Camp saw the continuation of the Transitional Options Program (TOP), a mandatory 30-day aftercare

program which is funded through a \$500,000 federal grant. This program teaches the inmates job skills, education and family integration; all important elements of re-integrating back into society as productive citizens. The TOP program grant has also allowed for the purchase of two, fifteen passenger vans, which are essential in transporting aftercare inmates to and from school and employment, as well as boot camp trainees to community service details and court dates.

The expansion of the Boot Camp's Blue Building, which was completed in late 2006, has allowed the Boot Camp to



house two platoons of up to forty inmates in each squad bay, as well as provide for separate housing for up to ten females. There is also now an increase of classroom space, which was previously lost when females were incorporated into the program a few years ago. This space has eliminated many disturbances and given the inmates a better environment in which to learn, as well as helped provide room for the TOP program.

The Boot Camp trainees participate in extremely high value community projects (U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots, Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial, Oakland County Food Bank, Oakland County Sheriff's Coats for the Cold Drive,

Snow Removal for Senior Citizens, Oakland County Parks Clean-up details, etc.) as part of their sentence. In 2007, the Boot Camp trainees participated in over 65 community service details.

### ***Trusty Camp***

The Trusty Camp supervises low-level offenders (known as trusties) who serve their sentences by giving back to the Oakland County community. In 2007, an average of 145 trusties were housed at the Trusty Camp, with a total capacity of 146. These trusties gave over 99,000 hours of work back to the community. The Trusty Camp is in charge of refurbishing bicycles as part of the Sheriff's Re-CYCLE for Kids Program (see community services). Trusties are also afforded the opportunity to participate in specialized programs if they are a non-high school graduate. These programs include Culinary Arts and GED. Every year the Trusty Camp receives many compliments, awards, citations, and letters of appreciation.

### ***Frank Greenan Detention Facility***

The Frank Greenan Detention Facility (FGDF) was opened in 1996 to help relieve the growing issue of jail overcrowding in the Main Jail. It is a medium-security complex, and houses low-risk inmates. The FGDF includes a commercial size laundry facility which is staffed seven days a week by trusties from the Trusty Camp, who are supervised by a Sheriff's Office Works Project Coordinator. The Works Project Coordinator makes daily trips to and from the Main Jail and the satellite facilities to pick-up and drop-off inmate clothing and bedding. In 2007, the average number of inmates housed in the Frank Greenan Detention Facility was 185, with a total capacity of 186.

### ***Southfield Detention Facility***

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office provides contractual correctional and prisoner processing services to the City of Southfield. Video arraignments between the 46th District Court and the Main Jail facility have helped with transport issues. This facility averaged 68 inmates in 2007, with a total capacity of 68. Additionally, this facility has processed 3,740

new arrests, and taken in over 2,300 inmates from the Main Jail for overnight stays for court.

### ***Work Release***

The Work Release Facility is a minimum security facility that houses inmates who are allowed by a judge to continue to work while they serve out their sentences. As of 2006, pre-sentenced female inmates with security levels up to a high medium, can be temporarily housed at Work Release. Inmates at the facility are charged room and board depending on their level of income and their classification. This year, the Work Release Facility was given a General Electric Entry Scan 3 air-burst detector machine for use in detecting narcotics or particles of explosive substances on the clothing and bodies of residents and visitors. This machine has enabled better monitoring of unauthorized substances in the facility. The Work Release Facility population averaged 369 in 2007.

### ***Court Services***

This division is responsible for courthouse security and prisoner transport to and from Oakland County Sixth Judicial Circuit Court and the 43rd, 47th, 48th, 50th, 52-1st, 52-2nd, 52-3rd and 52-4th District Courts. This includes security for all circuit and district courtrooms and judges' chambers, as well as the offices of Prosecutor, Treasurer, County Clerk, Friend of the Court, Probate, Reimbursement, and the County Commissioners' offices and auditorium. Additionally, this division provides law enforcement patrol and security for the entire county complex.

The Court Services Division:

- performed 1,837,158 security entrance clearances, and checked in 8,796 armed officers entering the courts;
- provided security and bailiff services at 146 trials;
- processed over 14,000 inmates at Sixth Judicial Circuit Court;
- made 3,637 arrests and transported over 15,819 prisoners at district courts;
- transported over 3,500 prisoners to and from 87 non-local facilities;
- picked up over 20,100 prisoners from and delivered over 12,500 prisoners to local police and court facilities.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

*Commander: Major Damon Shields*

Law Enforcement Services is commanded by Major Damon Shields, and is comprised of a number of Divisions, all providing law enforcement services to citizens throughout Oakland County. Those divisions include: Patrol Services, Rochester Hills Substation, Investigative and Forensic Services, and the Sheriff's Emergency Response, Training and Communications Division.

### PATROL SERVICES DIVISION

*Commander: Captain Doug Molinar*

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The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Patrol Services Division provides primary police services to over 275,000 citizens in Oakland County. The Patrol Services Division provides contract police services to 11 townships, one city, and two villages in Oakland County for around the clock police protection. The police contract concept allows municipalities to customize police services to best suit the needs of their communities. Contracted police services include uniform patrol, traffic enforcement, weighmaster enforcement, patrol investigator, school liaison officer, numerous community outreach programs, and various levels of police command.

The following Oakland County municipalities contract for police services:

- Addison Township
- Charter Township of Brandon
- 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
- Charter Township of Royal Oak
- Charter Township of Springfield
- City of Rochester Hills
- The Village of Leonard
- The Village of Ortonville

Contracted police services were also provided for special public events in various Oakland County communities including: the Renaissance Festival in Holly Township; the DTE Energy Music Theater in Independence Township; the Meadowbrook Music Festival in Rochester Hills; Pontiac Silverdome events; the Arts, Beat and Eats Festival; and the Woodward Dream Cruise.

**Patrol Services Division 2007**

Requests for Police Service.....	134,233
Total Arrests.....	8,415

The Patrol Services Division also provides countywide police support services that include: the Aviation Unit; 416 Traffic Unit; Motorcycle Unit; Crash Reconstruction Unit; Marine Patrol and Water Rescue Unit; Special Response Team; County Parks Patrol; Mountain Bicycle Unit; Canine Unit; Alcohol Enforcement Team; Mounted Unit; the Reserve Deputy Unit; and the Explorer Unit.

**Traffic Enforcement Statistics 2007**

Traffic Citations.....	53,502
Traffic Crash Investigation Call Outs-Fatal.....	15
Traffic Crash Investigation Call Outs-Serious.....	26

**Major Events 2007**

The Patrol Services Division was called upon to assist during a number of special events around metropolitan Detroit throughout 2007. Those events included assisting the United States Secret Service with numerous motorcade escorts and protection details and 2007 Air Show held at Selfridge Air National Guard Base on July 21st and July 22nd.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office entered into a contract with the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) to assist with the Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (MPRI). Deputies assisted Parole Agents in conducting "spot checks" to verify offenders' compliance with all parole directives. The funding for this initiative was provided by the State of Michigan to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Seven details were conducted in seven different communities within Oakland County. During the details, 146 parolee residences were visited. As a result of the unannounced visits, seven arrests were made, thirty-three parole violations were issued, fifteen guns and twelve knives were confiscated, and an assortment of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia were seized.

### *Aviation Unit*

The Aviation Unit provides aerial patrol and emergency response to every municipality and police agency in Oakland County and is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit has proven to be effective in criminal apprehension because of its rapid response and surveillance capabilities. The unit has the ability to view an area thirty times greater than a ground patrol unit and can cover the same area fifteen times faster. This support service is provided to every municipality. The entire Aviation Unit, including the aircraft and pilots, is fully funded thanks to an innovative plan by Sheriff Bouchard that priva-



tized the food services for jail inmates, saving \$1.6 million dollars a year. This annual savings results in no new or additional costs to Oakland County taxpayers.

The Aviation Unit has two A-Star Eurocopters available for use. Both aircraft are equipped with state of the art avionics, including on-board video cameras that can transmit video images to ground units via a microwave transmitter. Each is also equipped with a special Forward Looking Infrared system (F.L.I.R.) that allows the pilot to detect heat sources in total darkness, and has an on-board computer mapping system that can locate addresses on the ground

instantly. They are also equipped with a thirty million candle-power searchlight called "Night Sun" that can illuminate a pitch-dark area as if it were high noon on a summer day.

The Sheriff's Office installed two Aero Computer Mapping Systems, which are now in service on both aircraft. These computers are the latest technology in aviation mapping and can locate addresses on the ground instantly. The Aero Computer Mapping System creates a "direct flight" to an address once the aviation crew enters the address into the computer. The mapping system is also capable of producing specific parcel data which makes property lines visible; thereby, making air to ground coordination much easier. Due to this new equipment, the response time to calls have been reduced considerably.

In 2007, the Aviation Unit assisted federal, state, county and local police agencies with a variety of police-related missions. Missions included working with the Secret Service, assistance to Michigan State Police and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) with drug interdiction, and assistance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with Homeland Security enforcement missions. The Aviation Unit also assists local police agencies with directed patrols on a regular basis. In addition, traffic/crowd control support was provided to local police agencies during the 2007 Dream Cruise, where over 1.5 million people were in attendance. The Aviation



Unit assisted in the search of missing juveniles, lost persons, and Alzheimer patients. Searches were also conducted for suspects wanted for rape, robbery, and other misdemeanor and felony crimes.

Homeland Security continues to be a concern for people living and working in the county. Oakland County has many high risk target areas for consideration. The Aviation Unit continues its dedicated pursuit to safeguard persons and property within our boundaries.

**Aviation Unit Performance Indicators 2007**

Flight Hours.....	702.7
Calls for Service.....	874
Arrest Assists.....	27

**416 Traffic Unit**

The 416 Traffic Unit is a state grant-funded program designed to provide traffic enforcement for county secondary road patrols. The 416 Traffic Unit is available, upon request, to any police agency in Oakland County for traffic-related assistance and enforcement. This group of highly-trained deputies is a mobile strike force that can respond to serious multiple car crashes anywhere in the county. Through daily-directed patrols, the 416 Traffic Unit has helped to make our secondary roads safer for all motorists in all of Oakland County.

The 416 Traffic Unit also emphasizes the importance of educating the public about safe driving through numerous community initiatives. One such program is the selective enforcement program, which is citizen driven based on complaints, and zero tolerance enforcement programs. The Zero Tolerance Enforcement programs include: Click It or Ticket, and You Drink, You Drive, You Lose.

The Crash Reconstruction Unit is an integral part of the Traffic Unit. They respond on a twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week basis to serious injury and fatal vehicle crashes for our agency and for any other police agency needing our assistance. Each unit member has extensive training in the science of crash reconstruction.



**Canine Unit**

The Canine Unit had another successful year in 2007. Almost a million dollars in drug monies were forfeited as a result of canine searches. Additionally, the unit has assisted in the recovery of stolen property and evidence from crime scenes.

In 2007, the Canine Unit was increased from fourteen to fifteen dogs. There was an increased demand for the bomb dogs to do sweeps by area school districts. The canine handlers did an exceptional job responding to those calls in a timely fashion, thus preventing those schools from closing.

The entire Canine Unit attended a five day International Police Work Dog Association National Workshop in Alpena. The additional training they provided to our handlers is invaluable as the relationship matures between each handler and his/her canine. All canine teams were successfully certified in tracking, handler protection, and searching for narcotics. Of the more than 175 canine teams in attendance, one of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office's handlers and his canine partner placed second in Michigan's USPCA Workshop and were rated one of the best teams by the trainers from Europe.



**Canine Unit Statistics 2007**

Calls for Service.....	1,022
Assists.....	316
Searches .....	1,650
Tracks.....	240
Jail Searches.....	216
Canine Demos .....	83
Cash Seized.....	\$978,909
Vehicles Seized.....	26

Drugs Seized: 151lbs Marijuana; 6oz. Cocaine; 19 Kilos Cocaine;  
40 grams Heroin; 250 Ecstasy Pills

**Alcohol Enforcement Team**

The Alcohol Enforcement (A.E.) Team is a county-funded unit dedicated to the task of keeping drunk drivers off the roadways of the County. In 2007, the team arrested 335 drunk drivers and had an impressive conviction rate of 99.5 percent. Since the inception of the unit in 1980, the A.E. Team has arrested 12,096 drunk drivers. The A.E. Team provides back up to patrol officers and local police departments, and provides manpower for various community events including: Southfield Fireworks Display; Oak Park Fireworks Display; Woodward Dream Cruise; and numerous motorcade escort details for the United States Secret Service.

Another important responsibility of the A.E. Team is to educate the students of Oakland County about the hazards of

underage drinking and driving. They accomplish this task through the S.C.O.P.E. program (Stop Drinking, Consider the Consequences, Observe Yourself, Protect Society, Educate Others), which in 2007, trained 16,128 high school students throughout Oakland County during the school year.

**Alcohol Enforcement Team 2007**

OWI Arrests.....	335
Citations .....	1,095
SCOPE-Students Trained.....	16,128

**Marine Unit**

The Sheriff's Marine Unit is responsible for patrolling the lakes of Oakland County, investigating marine accidents, conducting safety inspections, and recovering victims of fatal water accidents. Our Sheriff's Office has the largest Marine Unit in the State of Michigan with three full-time and fifty-four part-time deputies. The Marine Unit is prepared to respond at any time to any of the 450 plus lakes that cover 70 square miles in the county. The Marine Unit fleet has twenty-seven patrol boats, two emergency jump boats, a hovercraft, four all-terrain vehicles, and four snowmobiles. The twelve member, highly-trained dive and emergency rescue team is equipped with the latest advanced technology gear and ready to dive in virtually any weather or water condition. The Marine Unit also trains and educates students in boater, snowmobile, and hunter safety.

In 2007, the Sheriff's Office added a new twenty-three foot Pro Line boat with a 200 horsepower outboard motor to its marine fleet. This boat is designed to be a stable dive platform for search and rescue operations. The boat contains specialized equipment to carry out its missions and includes: a fixed sonar unit, side scan sonar unit, and high intensity surface and sub-surface lighting equipment. The boat also has a low profile dive door that makes ingress/egress from the water easier and safer for divers. The Sheriff's Office remains committed to maintaining safety on the county's lakes by prevention through education and enforcement when necessary.



**Marine Unit 2007**

Boater Safety Students Certified .....	8,036
Hours of Lake Patrol .....	10,312
Marine Citations.....	1,051
Search and Rescue Hours.....	287
Drownings .....	5
Fatal Boat Accidents .....	1
Injury Boat Accidents .....	8
Property Damage Boat Accidents .....	12
Snowmobile Safety Students Certified.....	130
Snowmobile/ORV Patrol Hours .....	553
Hunter Safety Students Certified .....	593



### ***Mounted Unit***

The Mounted Unit currently consists of twenty-four part-time deputies who provide their own horses and donate significant personal time to this highly professional unit. Each Mounted Unit deputy must complete an initial strenuous Mounted Unit police-training course and meet basic equestrian requirements. Additionally, they must engage in continual horseback and advanced law enforcement training, which includes crowd control and police work in a variety of environments and police situations.

The Mounted Unit is contracted to patrol our county parks and special events such as the Rochester Hills, Clawson and Oak Park Fireworks, the Woodward Dream Cruise, Paint Creek Trail, Quake on the Lake, Ortonville Halloween Parade, and other protection details. This group of highly-trained horsemen and women can respond to police calls quickly and get to areas that police vehicles cannot.

Mounted Unit hours worked-2007 ..... 1,603

### ***Motorcycle Traffic Unit***

Currently the largest police motorcycle unit in the State of Michigan, the OCSO Motorcycle Unit was re-established in 1999 by Sheriff Bouchard and has proved to be a valuable asset to both law enforcement and community relations. Because the Motorcycle Unit has proved to be such a valuable tool, the unit was increased from twelve motorcycles in 1999 to its current fleet of thirty motorcycles. In 2007, the Sheriff's Office leased thirty Harley Davidson police motorcycles from a local dealer, who replaces them after one year. This lease agreement provides a valuable law enforcement tool to the Sheriff's Office and to the taxpayers of Oakland County. The thirty deputies assigned to the Motorcycle Unit must complete a rigorous eighty hour training course. The police motorcycle provides deputies with a specialized law enforcement tool that can be used in a wide variety of police missions.



***Special Response Team***

The Special Response Team (S.R.T.) is a highly-skilled and trained regiment of officers selected from personnel throughout the Sheriff's Office. The S.R.T. responds to critical situations involving barricaded gunmen, high-risk warrant arrests, drug raids, civil disturbances, and other police emergencies. Continuous specialized training along with sophisticated equipment provides the necessary tools to help resolve these dangerous missions swiftly and safely.

In 2007, the Special Response Team participated in special events as well as executive protection and working with other Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies. The

Sheriff's Office and the Special Response Team co-sponsored the National Patrol Rifle Conference and Competition with over 100 participants from around the country. A member of the Special Response Team Sniper Unit finished second in the competition. The Special Response Team also participated in the U.S. National SWAT Competition in Denver, Colorado.

The Special Response Team remains focused on preparing for major incidents and in the recent past intensified their training to prepare for incidents such as an active shooter in a school and for potential terrorist incidents.

S.R.T. Calls for Service 2007 .....21

**Parks Unit**

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Parks Unit provides contractual law enforcement services to: Camp Dearborn, Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks, Catalpa Oaks, Independence Oaks, Red Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks, Highland Oaks, Rose Oaks and Waterford Oaks County Parks. The park officers provide both a visible patrol force and supervise work details of inmate trustees who help keep our parks among the most clean and beautiful in the state. Deputies provide a number of police services including: citizen assists, traffic enforcement, and responding to dispatched calls for police services within the parks. One of the more recent additions to the Parks Unit is the Sheriff's Mountain Bicycle Patrol Unit. The bikes are 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 Bicycle Patrol Unit proved to be a valuable asset at major public events in Oakland County such as the Woodward Dream Cruise.

**Parks Unit Statistics 2007**

Deputy Hours Worked .....	16,189
Trusty Work Detail Hours.....	6,484
Park Patrol Hours.....	8,439
Bike Patrol Hours .....	198
Arrests.....	37
Citations .....	731

**Reserve Unit**

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit is made up of ninety-three active Reserves. It is a community-based cadre of uniformed, trained volunteers. Qualified citizens attend a Reserve Officers Training Academy and upon graduation, join our deputies on patrol. The Reserve Deputies also work special events in Oakland County, including high school football and basketball games, community parades, Woodward Dream Cruise, March of Dimes Walk America, Southfield, Oak Park and Rochester Hills Fireworks, North

American International Auto Show, Detroit Boat Show, Special Olympics Superstars Competition, School Bus Driving Championship, DTE Music Theatre, Meadowbrook Theatre, Native American Pow Wow, Motor Cross, Coats for the Cold, Boomerama, Leonard Strawberry Festival, Christmas Shop with a Cop, and the 4-H Fair. Reserve Deputies have volunteered over 24,750 hours of their time to assist the Sheriff's Office on a variety of details throughout 2007.

**Reserve Deputy Hours Served 2007**

Patrol.....	11,753
Training .....	1,921
Special Details & Events .....	6,231
Administrative.....	1,921
Total Hours Worked.....	24,759

**Explorers**

The Sheriff's Office is the host of Explorer Post #649. The Explorer Post is comprised of young adults, ages 16 to 21, who are interested in a career in law enforcement. The program is designed to introduce the Explorers to the various components of law enforcement and correctional responsibilities, including basic firearm and marine safety. Training sessions are held with experienced officers.

In addition to training and ride-a-long programs, our Explorers were involved with a variety of community events such as parades, child safety fingerprinting, and public safety awareness events throughout Oakland County. The Sheriff's Office is extremely proud of this group of young, dedicated men and women.

**Explorer Hours Statistics 2007**

Active Explorers.....	15
Special Events Worked.....	17
Hours Donated.....	569

## INVESTIGATIVE AND FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION

*Commander: Captain Mark Newman*

The Investigative and Forensic Services Division is a support division of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Services Division comprised of multiple units that focus on specific areas of expertise. These highly-trained personnel employ a unique and sophisticated approach, as they are equipped to aid law enforcement at the county, state, and federal levels in solving a multitude of crimes. Each unit focuses on its specialty, but is cross-trained in order to assist one another and the other divisions of the Sheriff's Office, as well as all forty-one police agencies throughout the county. They conduct field investigations focused on such specialized areas as Fire Investigation, Crime Scene Analysis, Narcotics Enforcement, Auto Theft, Major Crime Investigations, Computer Crimes Investigations (Internet), and Warrant and Absconder Apprehension. The division also includes the Forensic Science Laboratory (Crime Lab), Property Room, Warrants Unit, and Crime Suppression Task Force.

### *Forensic Science Laboratory*

Laboratory specialists conduct forensic analysis on physical evidence across several specialized disciplines including: drug chemistry with the identification of chemical and botanical controlled substances and prescription drugs; latent prints, where latent prints are developed and prints left at crime scenes are compared with those of potential suspects; firearms, which determines if fired bullets and cartridge cases came from a particular firearm; and Crime Scene Response, where analysts evaluate, collect and process evidence, interpret bloodstain patterns, and reconstruct crime scenes. Additionally, forensic artistry provides composite drawings and facial-cranial reconstructions of victims or suspects.

During 2007, the laboratory hired a senior Firearms Ex-



aminer who brings extensive experience to the team, and has been a great help in managing the rapidly increasing caseload. Additionally, the laboratory is employing its new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), which captures palm prints as well as fingerprints. The system's database is currently receiving all Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) LiveScan finger and palm images, and all state LiveScan records. CLEMIS funded two laboratory technician positions, which ensures that the quality of LiveScan images placed in the AFIS database is maintained.

The laboratory Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) developed its first blind hit which was published on the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) website under success stories. In that incident, Pontiac police officers submitted for entry into the NIBIN System evidence which was recovered at a scene where a man was shot. Later, Pontiac police officers recovered a weapon while investigating a complaint about a man with a gun. The recovered weapon was submitted for test firing and imaged into the IBIS system. This weapon was a match to the firearms evidence which had been recovered at an aggravated assault a month earlier.

Within the division and at other local law enforcement agencies, the highly-respected Forensic Science Laboratory personnel are frequently summoned to provide professional forensic analysis of physical evidence on a twenty four hour, seven-day a week basis. To assist in making this possible, the Laboratory operates a mobile crime laboratory that responds to any crime scene, civil disorder, drowning, or death investigation. They collect and tag evidence, photograph or videotape crime scenes, and remove evidence collected for analysis.

**Forensic Science Lab Investigations 2007**

Total Crime Scene Independent Investigations .....	240
Total Assists to Outside Agencies .....	2,518
Total Cases .....	3,726
Total Examinations.....	11,867
Total Identifications.....	3,684



***Fire Investigation Unit***

The Fire Investigation Unit is recognized as one of the best in the country. For calendar year 2007, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Fire Investigation Unit, consisting of four investigators, assisted more than thirty-four law enforcement and fire service agencies within Oakland County. The unit provides professional, expert services for the detection and prosecution of arson offenses around Oakland County. The total number of fatal fire investigations was five, with six fatalities. During 2007, the Fire Investigation Unit made a total of twenty arrests, including nineteen felonies and one misdemeanor. Property valued at \$19,911,900 was lost in 2007.

The unit's fire investigation dog, Blaze, is one of only five in the State. The dog has extensive training to indicate the exact location of a fire's origin. He is also able to identify and track residue on fire starting materials and on suspects. Currently, the canine is certified in sixteen different accelerants, and training for additional accelerants will continue.

**Fire Investigation Unit Reports 2007**

Accidental.....	76
Arson.....	44
Undetermined.....	35
TOTAL FIRES INVESTIGATED.....	155

***Computer Crimes Unit***

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) assists agencies throughout the county, the state, and federal government in investigating crimes ranging from child exploitation to homicide through forensic analysis of digital evidence and computer investigations. The unit also takes a proactive approach on the Internet by conducting online sting operations intended to identify, arrest, convict, and imprison child predators. The CCU works collectively with the federal government and other agencies to take child predators off the streets.

This unit also provides Internet safety seminars to parents, teachers, and students throughout the year. These presenta-



tions not only educate citizens on the dangers and risks of children accessing the Internet, but also instruct them on ways they can protect themselves and their loved ones from new threats such as identify theft.

**Computer Crimes Unit Activity 2007**

Forensic Examinations.....	51
Arrests Warrants.....	19
Search Warrant/Agency Assists.....	82
Search Warrant/O.C.S.O. Cases.....	18
Media analyzed.....	290
Internet Safety Presentations.....	27

***Auto Theft Unit***

The Auto Theft Unit (ATU) is a multi-jurisdictional task force directed by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office that specializes in investigating all auto theft related crimes. The twelve-member team is comprised of officers from Hazel Park, Waterford, Pontiac, Farmington Hills, Wayne County Sheriff's Office and the OCSO. Funding for this unit is provided by



the participating agencies, as well as through a grant from the Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA).

The ATU keeps up with the creative ways thieves are executing their crimes. In August 2007, the unit received information that two subjects were providing fraudulent ownership documents, made on their home computers, to dealerships to have keys cut from VIN numbers of vehicles they had looked at. They would then return and steal the vehicles with the cut keys. Warrants were obtained for passing fraudulent registration and unlawfully driving away an auto. One subject was arrested at an insurance company where he was driving a re-tagged, stolen BMW. Surveillance was set up on the second suspect, who was arrested as he got into a stolen, VIN altered Suburban. As the investigation continued, the unit recovered twelve stolen vehicles, all having their VINS altered or fraudulently registered. The two thieves have been charged with receiving, concealing, and operating a chop shop in addition to the original charges.

**Auto Theft Unit Activity 2007**

Recovered Stolen Vehicles .....	401
Recovered Value .....	\$4,796,450
Number of Cases .....	611
Warrants Obtained .....	292
Total Arrests .....	293

**Fugitive Apprehension Team**

The primary function of the Fugitive Apprehension Team (FAT) is to target and apprehend fugitives and career offenders who are wanted for arraignment on a warrant for trial. Investigators on the team have highly-specialized skills and experience, better enabling them to deal with the violent nature of individuals who are regularly targeted and confronted. This unit assists other units within the department or any other law enforcement agencies in criminal investigations and surveillance. FAT also manages the twenty-four hour Crime

Tip Line, 1-888-TURN-1-IN, where citizens are encouraged to provide anonymous information on crimes and fugitives.

The Fugitive Apprehension Team took several major criminals off the streets in 2007 for murder, attempted murder, armed robbery, and breaking and entering. Ten handguns were taken from individuals while being arrested for other crimes. In November of 2007, while assisting the Pontiac Police, the team found a murder suspect for murder at a local apartment building. A dynamic entry was made, resulting in one arrest and no injuries to officers.

Our own Sheriff's Deputy is assigned to the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force. Because of this partnership, the resources of the U.S. Marshals Service are available to the Fugitive Apprehension Team for tracking fugitives throughout the country with great success.

**Fugitive Apprehension Team Statistics 2007**

TOTAL Number of Complaints Open.....	488
TOTAL Number of Complaints Closed/No Arrest.....	192
Fugitive Arrests.....	44
Fugitive Counts.....	49
Assist Other Agencies Arrests.....	142
Assist Other Agencies Counts.....	169
Drug Related Arrests.....	35
Drug Related Counts.....	36
Background Investigations.....	42
TOTAL Arrests.....	186
TOTAL Counts.....	218
TOTAL Extraditions Performed.....	42
TOTAL Extraditions Denied.....	60

**Crime Suppression Task Force**

The Crime Suppression Task Force (CSTF) was originally funded through a Federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant and became operational January 1, 1997. The agencies committed to this task force are the Ferndale Police Department, Hazel Park Police Department, Madison

Heights Police Department, Michigan State Police, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, and Royal Oak Police Department. The stated mission of the task force is to improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods we serve. The goal is to provide communities with additional personnel to augment their policing efforts and to assist in identifying and solving local problems.

2007 was a very successful year for the Crime Suppression Task Force. Through a combination of directed patrol, intelligence gathering, undercover operations and surveillance, the Task Force arrested 103 criminals. Of those arrests, ninety-seven were for felonies including murder, parole absconding, armed robbery, narcotics, burglary, home invasion, receiving and concealing stolen property, and child sexual abuse.

The Task Force partnered with the Wayne County Warrant Enforcement Bureau in "Operation I.C.E.," an annual three-day fugitive sweep resulting in an additional 180 felony warrant arrests. This type of combined effort with other agencies continues to make the Metro Detroit area safer. The members of the Task Force work as a "team" and are a highly-motivated group who are committed to identifying and solving crime in our communities.

**CSTF Arrests by Offense 2007**

Murder.....	1
Armed Robbery.....	1
Unarmed Robbery.....	2
Home Invasion.....	3
UDAA.....	2
Probation Violation.....	10
Narcotics.....	4
Child Sexual Abuse.....	3
Parole Absconders.....	8
Receiving & Concealing.....	7
Felony Warrants.....	49
Other.....	13

**Warrants Unit**

The Warrants Unit is responsible for researching, entering, and confirming warrants from the fifteen District Courts in Oakland County, as well as the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court. The detectives assigned to the unit make warrant arrests for felonies in every county in the state, and facilitate extraditions for any out-of-state agencies. One detective in the unit is assigned to the Tri-County Absconder Recovery Unit (ARU). The ARU is comprised of personnel from Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne County Sheriff's Offices; and in 2007, this team arrested 421 parole absconders in the tri-county region (149 in Oakland County).

In 2007, the Warrants Unit targeted/located/arrested 304 offenders, of which eighty were felony and 224 were misdemeanor arrests. This total does not include 107 offenders who turned themselves in because of pressure warrant detectives applied. This is in addition to the ARU's total arrests.

**Warrants Unit Activity 2007**

Extradition Hearings.....	102
Warrant Arraignments- Misdemeanor .....	368
Total Warrant Arrests.....	760
Pick-Ups.....	456
Officer Initiated Felony Arrests .....	63
Officer Initiated Misdemeanor Arrests .....	241
Warrants Cleared .....	849

**Narcotics Enforcement Team**

Since January 2001, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office has led the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) with a highly cooperative working relationship with all federal law enforcement agencies and local police departments. This year the NET continued its trend of disrupting and dismantling several distribution organizations, again seizing approximately \$10,000,000 worth of illegal narcotics throughout Oakland County. It has successfully forfeited and closed cases that resulted in the distribution of \$1,300,000 to the local participating agencies, which include the Drug

Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Macomb County Sheriff's Office, Sterling Heights Police Department, and the following local police departments: Bloomfield Township, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Lathrup Village, Madison Heights, Troy, and West Bloomfield.

Midway through 2007, the NET unit absorbed the responsibility of processing the forfeiture cases generated by the contracted road patrol deputies. This resulted in twelve cases that generated approximately \$9,000 in closed forfeiture.

In 2007, the Macomb County Sheriff's Office added a second officer to the Team. In 2007, the NET unit continued to see a significant number of cocaine and marijuana cases. Once again, these represent our two major drug threats.

**Narcotics Enforcement Team Activity 2007**

Investigations Initiated .....	693
Arrests – Persons .....	150
Arrests – Charges .....	268
Drugs Purchased/Seized .....	
Cocaine .....	17,588 grams
Crack.....	835 grams
Marijuana .....	58 lbs
Heroin.....	218 grams
Ecstasy.....	1,129 units
Dangerous Drugs.....	6,263 units
Approximate Value of Drugs Purchased/Seized .....	\$10,000,000.00

**Special Investigations Unit**

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is a highly-trained, multi-functional, countywide, major crimes investigative unit comprised of six detective sergeants, with expertise in homicide, sexual assault, surveillance, financial crimes, internal affairs, child abuse/assault and other complex criminal investigations.

SIU provides investigative support to all divisions of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, as well as to all forty-one Oakland County

police departments, and county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. SIU assists in electronic and video surveillance and is equipped with a variety of sophisticated (stationary and mobile) electronic surveillance equipment.

The financial crimes section of SIU is responsible for mortgage fraud investigations and forfeitures generated by the Patrol and Corrective Services Divisions of the Sheriff's Office. SIU also has assigned a representative to the federal Joint Terrorism Task Force.

In addition to being the major crimes unit, SIU is also the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Unit, investigating criminal and disciplinary matters involving members of the Sheriff's Office, including officer-involved shooting investigations. SIU is often called upon by outside agencies to conduct similar investigations for them. SIU is responsible for the investigation of all major inmate incidents within the

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Correctional Services Division including in-custody deaths, escapes, jail disturbances, possession/distribution of illegal drugs or contraband, and assaults on jail staff.

Significant criminal cases during 2007 include:

- The arrest, prosecution and conviction of Rebecca Smith for the 2002 homicide of her husband, Michael Smith. Smith shot and killed her husband in their Berkley home and left his semi-nude body in Springfield Township.
- The investigation, prosecution and conviction of Von Larry for solicitation to commit murder. Von Larry was originally charged with criminal sexual conduct and was attempting to hire someone to kill the victim and witnesses, while he was housed in the Oakland County Jail.
- The investigation, arrest and conviction of Joseph Smith

for attempted murder while he was incarcerated in the Oakland County Jail.

- The investigation of a homicide-suicide in Lyon Township.
- Assisted in the investigation, apprehension and subsequent convictions of the responsible parties in the armed robbery of the Best Bank in Springfield Township.
- Investigation of an attempted murder in Brandon Township.
- Investigative assistance to the Orion Township Substation on a child abuse case.
- The initiation of an investigative assist to the Farmington



- City Department of Public Safety on a 1979 Homicide.
- Investigation and review of two officer-involved shootings.

Investigators from SIU participated in and/or provided instructors for the following:

- Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) Investigators Users Group

- CLEMIS Cool Tools for Investigators classes
- Oakland County Child Death Review Committee
- Oakland County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee
- Common Ground Homicide Survivors Group
- Michigan Public Health Institute – Child Death Investigations
- Michigan State Police, Bridgeport – Child Death Investigations
- 2007 Oakland County Prosecutor's Office Child Death Investigation Seminar

enable officers to import multiple property items from their completed computerized report, thus eliminating repetition of writing and documentation of property items. This will save man-hours for officers as well as for property room personnel.

The new property system will give a complete chain of custody record for all property items and will allow officers to view, from each substation computer, all property items entered into the system. Officers will be able to electronically authorize the release or destruction of property quickly from their workstation. This will be very helpful with continuing the purging process of the property items once cases are closed.

**Released property may include recovered property, property held for safekeeping, found property, or evidence that is no longer required for court. The disposition of property also includes preparing items for the County Auction.**

In 2007, SIU personnel received the following professional recognition:

- Child Death Review – Champion's Award
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children – 2007 Law Enforcement Award
- International Association of Arson Investigators – Michigan Chapter
- Michigan Arson Prevention Committee

**SIU Statistics 2007**

Pre-Employment Background Investigations .....	16
Mortgage Fraud Investigation.....	9
Joint Terrorism Task Force Investigations .....	15+
Inmate Communications Investigations.....	80+
Liquor License Applications Processed.....	44
One Day Liquor License Permits.....	45

**Evidence/Property Room**

On September 1, 2007, the Evidence Room launched the new NetRMS property management system. This new system will

A Senior Property Room Technician and one part-time office assistant staff the main Evidence/Property Room and are responsible for ensuring the proper logging and maintenance of all evidence/property coming into the custody of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, excluding the property of inmates. Legal requirements for the storage, handling, and disposition of property must be adhered to in a safe and efficient manner.

The Property Room Technician is responsible for the destruction and disposal of drugs, contraband, hazardous materials, and forbidden weapons and firearms used during the commission of a crime. The destruction of property is done after following careful examination of disposition of individual court cases and with the written authorization of the officer-in-charge of the case. All firearms that cannot be legally returned to the owner are submitted to the Michigan State Police Firearms Section for destruction, in addition to those for which rightful ownership cannot be established.

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cludes preparing items for the County Auction, which is held on a semi-annual basis, or for the Bidcorp on-line auction.

**Evidence/Property Room Statistics 2007 - Number of items**

Total Property Received .....	2,755
Property Destroyed .....	2,330
Weapons Destroyed .....	86
Property Released.....	701
Revenue from Auctioned Items.....	\$4,612
Forfeited Monies – Sheriff’s Enhancement Fund.....	\$7,595
Forfeited Monies – Unclaimed Fund.....	\$1,804

***Narcotics Enforcement Team Property Room***

The Narcotic Enforcement Team (NET) has a separate property room for all confiscated items from narcotic raids. The NET Property Room is staffed by one full-time technician who is responsible for ensuring the maintenance of all property submitted.

**NET Property Room Statistics 2007 - Number of items**

Total Property Received .....	2,401
Property Destroyed .....	1,617
Weapons Destroyed .....	110
Property Released.....	383

***Friend of the Court***

The Friend of the Court (FOC) Enforcement Unit is the investigative and enforcement arm assigned to the Oakland County Friend of the Court. While 2007 did not see any significant changes in the number of bench warrants issued, the FOC Enforcement Unit has an extremely large caseload. Employing creative and efficient techniques, such as mailing “Wanted Posters” to subjects with recently issued warrants, has been very successful in prompting hundreds of individuals, many who live out of state, to either turn themselves in or make payments.

Another FOC Unit success has been working open war-

rants in distant areas. Files of open warrants are sorted geographically; therefore investigators traveling to a distant county to pick up a prisoner can maximize their time and travel by attempting to locate additional subjects who might be found along the route or near the destination. This has resulted in several arrests and is an excellent use of travel time and expense.



**FOC Activity 2007**

New Bench Warrants Issued .....	6,481
Arrests Initiated by FOC .....	490
Arrest Transports for Other Agencies .....	1,312
Bench Warrants Closed/Cancelled.....	5,862
Wanted Posters Sent.....	7,636
Trips and Pick-Ups.....	731

## SHERIFF'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, TRAINING, AND COMMUNICATIONS (SEPTC) DIVISION

*Commander: Captain Michael D. Johnson*

The Sheriff's Emergency Preparedness, Training, and Communications (SEPTC) Division consists of five units, each dedicated to ensuring Oakland County's Sheriff's personnel is trained and prepared to respond to any type of emergency. The five units include: Homeland Security and Terrorism; Training Unit (which includes the Firearms Range); Communications Unit; Civil Unit; and the Concealed Weapons Licensing Board.

Additionally, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners has appointed the division as a liaison to the Oakland County Emergency Management Unit.

### *Homeland Security and Terrorism Preparedness*

**Training Grant Summer / Fall 2007** – Under an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Upper Level Command Staff, including Substation Commanders, attended the sixteen hour ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents and the sixteen hour ICS-400, Advanced ICS Command and General Staff Complex Incidents. This training was facilitated and taught by the Oakland County Emergency Response and Preparedness Division. This advanced National Incident Management Training System (NIMS) training brings the Oakland County Sheriff's Office into compliance for integrated response to Critical Incidents such as Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive (C-BRNE) and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).

**Mass Decontamination Unit** – Training/Exercise/Deployments - There are two Sergeants and eleven deputies assigned to the Mass Decontamination Unit. These deputies spent twenty-four hours over the course of three days training on the transportation and deployment of the Mass Decontami-

nation Unit. These deputies also participated in an eight hour C-BRNE/Hazmat exercise with the Waterford Township Fire Department at Waterford Mott High School in December.

In 2007, the Mass Decontamination Unit was dispatched to and deployed at Lakeland High School on May 3rd, where there was a minor mercury spill hazmat situation, to assist White Lake Fire Department. On August 28th and 29th, the Mass Decontamination Unit was dispatched to and deployed at a storage facility in the City of Wixom. The Wixom Fire Department requested our assistance at a chemical spill.

**Health Readiness Exercise October 2007** – On October 27th, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Oakland County Emergency Response and Preparedness, and the Oakland County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was partially activated to assist the Oakland County Health Department in this exercise. This activity involved the actual mass flu vaccination of more than 12,000 Oakland County citizens in five hours at multiple sites.

Participants included hundreds of health personnel, hospital personnel, local police and fire departments. Technology was engaged to include E-Team, CMIS, EM Systems and a live video feed from the Oakland County Sheriff's helicopter into the EOC. This video feed provided the Health Division Incident Commander a real time view of all activities surrounding the multiple dispensing sites. This exercise provided an opportunity to practice a coordinated response to a Biological Terrorism attack or a public health emergency.

### *Training Unit*

The Sheriff's Office Training Unit, comprised of five full-time and one part-time staff, is responsible for the development, planning, scheduling and maintenance of all in-service and off-site employee educational opportunities. Designated to cover the Sheriff's Office educational needs, the Training Unit oversees the training for Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (M.C.O.L.E.S.) licensed officers, certified corrections officers, dispatch specialists, medical staff, inmate services workers, and other civilian personnel. A



strong “in-house” instructional staff, combined with specialized on-site/off-site vendor training, provides members of the Sheriff’s Office with the best information available on the various topics facing staff.

The Training Unit maintains records and/or oversees the following departmental functions:

- The State-Certified Corrections Academy (in-house training for newly-hired deputies)
- The Field Training Officers Program (both Corrections & Patrol Services)
- The Firearms Range (handgun, shotgun, rifle, “TAS-ER”, baton & pepper spray, Firearms Training System [“FATS”] instruction)
- The Police Academy (State of Michigan – Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards-MCOLES licensing process)
- All in-service training courses (mandated & non-mandated)
- All off-site training courses
- State & local training fund expenditures
- Student intern programs

- Database management of all Sheriff’s employees and related statistics
- Training resource management (equipment, classroom and conference room use, video library)
- Concealed weapons permits and their approval
- Emergency deployment of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and training for this process

**2007 Training Unit records indicate:**

Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for 2006 (2007 calculated in Spring 2008) .....	549
Police Academy Graduates .....	12
Corrections Academy Graduates .....	39
State Training Funds Expended .....	\$162,746
County Training Funds Expended .....	\$39,614
Corrections Training Funds Expended.....	\$11,298
Oakland County HR In-Service Funded Training .....	\$103,030
Various Department Training and/or Travel Funds or Grants Expended .....	\$44,526
Dispatch Training Funds Expended.....	\$18,820
Total Training Dollars Expended.....	\$380,034
Hours of Specific Officer and Sheriff’s Staff Training-involving 16,935 attendees (including all Academy grads) .....	90,820

<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>Calendar Year 2006</b>	<b>Calendar Year 2007</b>
In-Service Training Hours	2,344	2,566
Vendor-Provided Training Hours	7,275	9,829
Firearms Training Sessions	9,180	8,765

**MCOLES Licensing 2007**

New Licenses .....	18
MCOLES separation reports .....	25
New Hires (already MCOLES certified).....	19

The Oakland County Sheriff's Training Unit remains committed to providing the best quality training to its personnel to enhance a safe and confident environment. Its goals for 2008 include:

- Continuing to provide basic and advanced instruction for road patrol, dispatch and corrections.
- Maintaining standards of performance and research changes in instructional techniques.
- Monitoring current events to adjust the training required with social changes, legislative changes and community expectations.
- Developing methods of instruction that provide for increased officer, citizen and inmate safety.
- Continuing the exploration of new methods of cost-effective instruction including computer CD/DVD instruction at work sites.
- Offering departmental personnel the highest level of educational opportunities as well as maintaining the multitude of training standards set by federal, state, and local government.

#### *Communications Unit*

The Communications Center provides dispatching service for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office as well as contractually for Clarkston Police Department, Lake Angelus Police Department, Oakland Community College Public Safety, and Wixom Police Department. Additionally, contractual dispatching services are provided to the following fire departments around the county: Addison Township, Brandon Township, Commerce Township, Village of Bingham Farms, Village of Franklin, Highland Township, Independence Township, Groveland Township, North Oakland Fire Authority, Springfield Township, and Wixom.

The Communications Center answers incoming calls from twenty-two 9-1-1 telephone lines, ten 10-digit telephone lines, and ten administrative telephone lines. The center is equipped with specialized electronics that is utilized for direct communication with command personnel during emergencies. 9-1-1 cellular calls continue to be received at a high volume, and are 70% of the total of all 9-1-1 calls received. Eleven 9-1-1 phone workstations are prepared to provide assistance to area Public Safety Assistance Point

(PSAP) centers during telephone outages. 9-1-1 calls from those PSAPs can be automatically routed to our center, where we can provide assistance in answering.

The Sheriff's Dispatch acts as the "default" 9-1-1 call center for the County. If the 9-1-1 system does not know where to route a call, the call is routed to our center. Our call takers will determine the location of the emergency and transfer the call to the appropriate agency. This process is done seamlessly.

Oakland County has Phase II cellular call routing. Phase II provides the phone number of the caller, and the tower address receiving the cellular 9-1-1 call. Through a process called re-bidding, the X-Y coordinates of the cellular caller are provided and pinpointed on our mapping system. This is a major advancement and will help many callers who are unable to identify their location or are unable to speak. Technology is moving at a fast pace in the Communications Center. Call takers must be prepared to receive and process emergency calls from various types of call delivery, including Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP).

#### *Call Volume*

The following workload and call volume statistics were recorded for year 2007:

#### **Requests for Services 2007**

Sheriff's Office.....	134,233
Other Police Agencies.....	34,237
Fire Departments.....	11,093
Total Incidents.....	179,563
<b>TELEPHONE CALLS 2007</b>	
9-1-1.....	33,294
Cellular 9-1-1.....	78,758
7-digit Emergency.....	93,574
Administrative Calls.....	136,626
Total Calls.....	342,252

#### *Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD)*

The Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) program continues to save lives. The total number of EMD calls performed in

2007 was 4,428, 500 more than the previous year. There were numerous medical emergencies that required CPR instructions to be given to callers under stressful circumstances. The EMD calls are reviewed for quality assurance in two areas, technical aspects and customer service. Our Specialists averaged 94.93% and 99.8% respectively. Numerous letters of appreciation have been forwarded to our dedicated agents.

**Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD)**

During 2007, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office employed seventeen qualified Dispatch Specialists who are designated fire dispatchers. Emergency Fire Dispatch processed calls, an increase of 200 over the previous year, with average scores of 91.94% in technical categories and 99.67% in customer service.

**Communications Goals for 2008**

9-1-1 wireless technology is moving at a fast pace. The future will call for dispatch centers to be able to answer 9-1-1 calls from any device. Today's callers are equipped with phones that provide pictures and text messaging. The current 9-1-1 telephone infrastructure does not accommodate this technology.

Education and training of our Dispatch Specialists will be a high priority for the year 2008. With the advancements in technology surrounding the new radio system and increased sources of origin for 9-1-1 calls, it is imperative that the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Communication's personnel be given the tools and skills to meet the high expectations of citizens calling for assistance.

Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) is an initiative working to set standards and prepare dispatch centers to communicate with the public using a variety of devices. This will be a challenge to all dispatch centers and will be addressed with aggressive training and education.

The Communications Unit of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office is dedicated and committed to providing the best possible service to the citizens, visitors, and agencies of Oakland County through continued education, technical expertise, and exceptional customer service. Each year, our EMD and EFD quality assurance ratings have increased, which is a testa-

ment to the dedication and high level of service our communications specialists provide to the community.

**Civil Unit**

The Sheriff's Office has contracted its civil process out to County Civil Process Services, Inc. The staff is deputized by the Sheriff to enable them to serve civil processes, executions, foreclosures, and host Sheriff Sales. The privatization of the Civil Unit continues to save the taxpayers of Oakland County approximately \$600,000 per year.

**Civil Unit statistics 2007**

Mortgage Foreclosure Sales.....	8,019
Summons/Complaints.....	3,399
Executions.....	5
Adjournments.....	13,762
Postings.....	2,802
Personal Protection Orders.....	1,295
Notice of Hearing.....	432
Motions.....	562
Orders to Show Cause.....	182
Subpoena.....	376
Small Claims.....	207
Garnishments.....	258
Public Tax Title Notices.....	0
Treasurer Tax Notice.....	3,608
Miscellaneous.....	686
Probate Court.....	566
Reimbursement.....	55

**Oakland County Concealed Weapons Licensing Board**

The Chair of the Oakland County Concealed Weapons Licensing Board is Captain Michael Johnson. The other members of the licensing board consist of Oakland County Board of Commissioner Representative Mark Cortis and a representative from the Michigan State Police.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) is involved in numerous community service activities and offers programs that are available to all Oakland County residents. Dedicated to raising awareness of important safety issues as well as fostering a close knit relationship with the community, the OCSO, in addition to participating in countless community events and safety presentations, is continually looking for new ways to assist residents with their daily lives. Whether it is providing a winter coat to a person in need, enabling a resident to shred personal documents to better protect themselves from identify theft, or simply brightening a child's day with a teddy bear or a visit from the Easter Bunny, Sheriff Bouchard and his team at the OCSO care about the quality of life of Oakland County's residents and are dedicated to making it better. *(continued)*

In 2007, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office participated in a number of special events. While Sheriff Bouchard and representatives of the Office routinely gave safety presentations to children and adults on every topic from stranger danger to senior citizen safety, to identity theft and safety on the internet, this year Disney-Pixar on Ice invited Sheriff Bouchard to give a safety talk to a student group as part of their presentation of "Finding Nemo on Ice" at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The Sheriff gave advice on what to do if you become separated from your parents, and the event included a performance by the skaters, as well as a special child identification session with the Michigan Masons.

Thanks to a generous donation from Detroit Red Wings forward Henrik Zetterberg, the OCSO was able to make available 150 free smoke detectors, with batteries, to individuals who may not have this life saving tool in their homes. The smoke detectors were made available at four different locations around the county.

The programs and events below are some examples of the major community programs the Sheriff's Office administers:

### ***Stopped Program***

This year, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office announced its participation in the Sheriff Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers (STOPPED) Program. STOPPED is a voluntary parental notification system developed by the Michigan Sheriff's Association to reduce the number of young drivers who are injured or killed in motor vehicle crashes each year. Annually over 3,000 drivers, ages sixteen to twenty-one years old, die in the United States as a result of motor vehicle crashes.

### ***Senior Snow Removal Program***

In an effort to assist Oakland County's senior citizens and disabled persons with snow removal, the OCSO Boot Camp began the senior snow removal program in 2006. Since the program began, over 100 households are on the list for snow removal, and in 2007, 96 households around Oakland County received free snow removal. If snow accumulates more than three inches, the OCSO's Boot Camp trainees are deployed and supervised to help eligible residents with snow shoveling.

### ***Soak n' Summer***

2007 marked the first year the Oakland County Sheriff's Office sponsored the first Annual Soak n' Summer event with the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Division. Over 200 kids from the Pontiac Boys and Girls Club participated in a fun day at the Waterford Oaks Water Park with Sheriff's Deputies. Sponsors included the Oakland County Credit Union and Little Caesars Pizza.

### ***Sheriff's Re-CYCLE for Kids Program***

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office continued collecting bicycles (new, used, or in need of repair), bike accessories, and parts and tools as part of a program called Sheriff's Re-



CYCLE for Kids. Anyone who would like to make a donation may bring bicycles, bike accessories, parts or tools to any of the Oakland County Sheriff's Substations, or to the Trusty Camp in Auburn Hills.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Trusty Camp inmates refurbishes and repairs the bikes and they are available to children at no cost through youth organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters Metro Detroit, Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Oakland County, Easter Seals, Michigan, Inc., and the Lighthouse of Oakland County to name a few. Sheriff's Re-CYCLE for Kids is provided at no cost to Oakland County's taxpayers and is an excellent way for incarcerated individuals to give back to the community.

In 2007, the Sheriff's Re-CYCLE for Kids program collected over 400 donated bikes and distributed over 200 bicycles to children and adults in need through the Easter Seals organization, as well as Lighthouse of Oakland County. Bicycle distributions continue to be scheduled as the response to this program has been overwhelming.

#### ***Bears on Patrol***

The Bears on Patrol program supplies patrol cars with teddy bears for children in crisis. These warm and fuzzy friends are one way to 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.

#### ***Free Document Shredding for Oakland County Residents***

The OCSO has teamed up with Absolute Shreds, a local document shredding company, for the past three years to offer free confidential document shredding to Oakland County residents. Dates, times, and locations are arranged in advance,

where Absolute Shreds state of the art high volume shredding truck can be found. That information is available on the Sheriff's website at [www.oaklandsheriff.com](http://www.oaklandsheriff.com), in the Community Services section.

#### ***Community Parades***

The OCSO is proud to participate in many holiday parades that take place around the county throughout the year. This positive interaction with the community is enjoyable to children and adults alike, and the public has come to know the Sheriff's Office through these festive events.

#### ***Senior Cell Phone Program***

The Oakland County Sheriff's 9-1-1 Emergency Senior Cell Phone Program is designed to equip seniors with a mobile means of contacting help in the event of an emergency. The



cell phones are available free of charge to any Oakland County Senior Citizens. There is no monthly service fee to use the phone for emergency use and phones are distributed at the Sheriff's Main Office every Friday morning from 9am-12pm. Since the program's inception in 2002, the OCSO has provided over 2,000 free 9-1-1 cell phones to Oakland County senior citizens.

### ***“Coats for the Cold” Coat Drive***

The “Coats for the Cold” Coat Drive sponsored by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, was started twenty-one years ago by Sheriff Bouchard, and has been growing with each passing year. In 2007, there were over fifty locations secured as Coats for the Cold drop-off sites, and over 4,000 coats were collected. As in previous years, schools and businesses from around Oakland County played a part in helping to collect coats. Additionally, Real Estate One, for the second year, and Outback Steakhouse for the third year, both partnered with the OCSO by offering all of their Oakland County locations to be used as drop-off sites. The Michigan Christmas Show and Marketplace offered one dollar off the show's admission for any person dropping off a coat at the entrance, which resulted in an additional 250 coats being collected. For the third year in a row, Portable On Demand Storage (PODS) donated the use of their PODS to collect coats at various sites throughout the county.

The coats were delivered to several different charitable organizations who distributed the coats to those most in need at no cost. Those organizations included: Baldwin Church and Center, Grace Centers of Hope, City of Pontiac Employees Holiday Basket Program, Neighborhood House, Ladies of Charity St. Hugo Clothes Closet, the Lighthouse, the Judson Center, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, Capuchin Services of Detroit, and Easter Seals of Michigan.

### ***The Easter Bunny Project***

For the fourth year in a row, Sheriff Bouchard and the Easter Bunny have paid visits to area hospitals' pediatric wards around Easter time to brighten the day of children who are ill and may not be able to be home for the Easter Bunny's visit to their house.

### ***Student of the Month Program***

Student of the Month is a program that helps to provide students with one more incentive to excel in their studies. Sheriff Bouchard started this program while serving in the Senate as the Chairman of the Education Committee as a way to recognize young people doing good things.

Participating schools decide who should be recognized. Se-

lected students receive a certificate and also are role models to others in their class and grade. Typically over 120 schools in Oakland County participated in the Student of the Month program.

### ***U-Turn Program***

The U-Turn program is a partnership between Oakland County Youth Assistance and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. The program's intent is to educate youth and their parents about the consequences of crime and the realities of prison life, while reinforcing the value of making smart decisions (staying in school, abstaining from drugs and alcohol, making wise choices about peers, employment, parental involvement, etc.) in order to keep youth from having any further contact with the juvenile justice system.

Modeled after the Scared Straight program, the U-Turn program gives youth and their parents an opportunity to view the Oakland County jail and facilities, and to have the children experience face-to-face encounters with deputies and selected inmates who talk to the youth about the repercussions of their behavior.

### ***Law Enforcement Against Drugs Program***

For three years, the OCSO has provided free drug testing kits to parents wishing to test their children for drug use as part of the Law Enforcement Against Drugs Program (LEAD). Parents may pick the drug test kits up anonymously; however, are limited to one kit per child. The LEAD Program is one more tool parents can use to fight drug use under their own roof and better monitor their child's activities.

### ***Benefit for the Handicapped***

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office founded the Benefit for the Handicapped organization in 1987 to sponsor events and activities for Oakland County adults and children with special needs that include mental and physical challenges. The activities for these benefits are run at no cost to the Sheriff's Office. Currently, three annual programs are facilitated through the organization: the Annual Handicapped Fishing Derby held at Dodge Park #4 in Waterford, a Holiday Party at New Horizons Center, and the Holiday Shopping Spree at Kmart for disabled and underprivileged children.





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