



# OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD



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ANNUAL REPORT





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I am pleased to present the 2022 annual report for the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office. This overview provides a picture of the primary law enforcement services we provide under contract for more than 351,000 of Oakland County’s 1.2 million residents, 15 communities and their local businesses. It also covers the support services we provide to the rest of Oakland County’s and details the operation of the Oakland County Jail.

2022 was a year of change and adaptation for the Sheriff’s Office as we continued to look for ways to meet new and ongoing challenges.

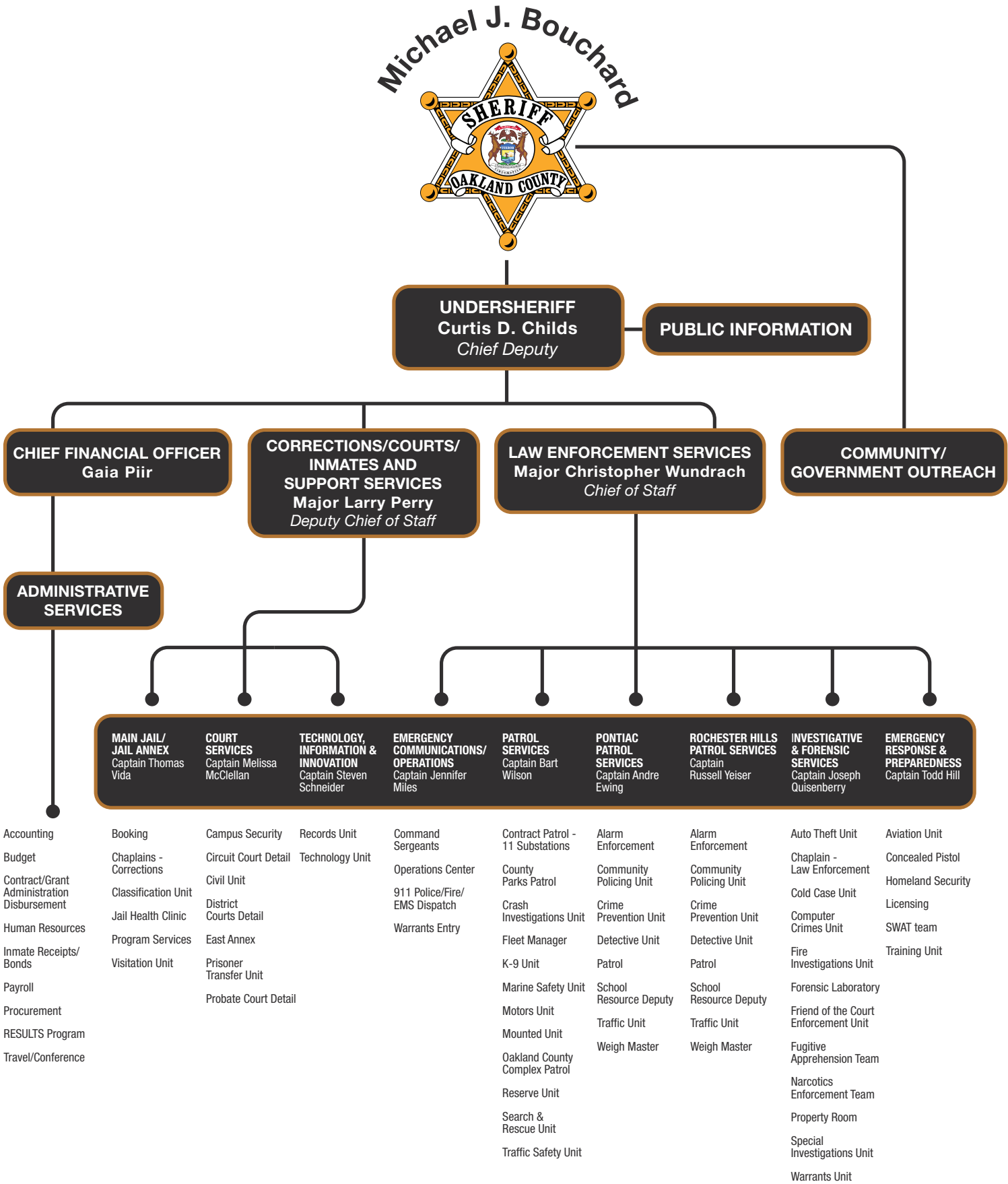
Threats of violence in our schools – unfortunately – became increasingly common place, with our school resource officers, detectives, deputies and K-9 units taken away from other tasks to respond to almost daily threats. Each threat was taken seriously and thoroughly investigated – including one which was linked to a 6-year-old. While each one was ultimately deemed not credible, they require the reallocation of our resources and result in unnecessary fear and disruption to students, teachers, staff, and their families.

The tragic shooting at Oxford High School in 2021 still greatly affects the families of the victims our agency, and the community. During our annual awards ceremony in May, I was honored to recognize Oxford High School student Heidi Allen who disregarded her own safety and showed incredible courage by pulling an injured student into a classroom and barricading the door. We also thanked and honored 45 federal, state, and local law enforcement partners and first responders who sent personnel that day.

We have expanded the size and scope of our Comfort K-9 unit to a dozen Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, which have proven to be a wonderful asset for the office in the community and are worth their weight in smiles. They are regular visitors to Oxford and many other schools throughout the county.

We are proud of the programs and initiatives we offer each year to keep our residents, businesses, and communities safe, secure, and engaged. The employees of the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office – those men and women who are the public face of all we do – make it possible. I am grateful for the ongoing support the Sheriff’s Office receives from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and County Executive Dave Coulter. Please don’t hesitate to contact the Sheriff’s Office if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions as to how we might better serve you. Let’s all hope for a safe and healthy 2023.

*Michael J. Bouchard*  
**Michael J. Bouchard**  
OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF







## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** *Gaia V. Piir*

Administrative Services is the fiscal arm of the Sheriff's Office, managing a budget of more than \$177 million annually. It directs all business and human resources functions, including budget, procurement, grant application, compliance and reporting, contract administration, accounting and any key function associated with the hiring and retention of all job classifications for about 1,400 employees. The division maintains accounting, payroll, uniforms, supplies, benefits, and inmate account deposits such as bonds, fines, and other costs.



*Gaia V. Piir*

### FY 2022 REVENUES

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Contract Law Enforcement Services | \$53,876,460 |
| Contract Dispatch Services        | \$2,886,933  |
| Contract Court Services           | \$555,940    |
| Inmate Board and Care - Main Jail | \$460,877    |
| Tether Program                    | \$23,064     |
| Deferred Offender                 | \$933,900    |
| Drug & Alcohol Testing            | \$440,758    |
| Reimbursement of Salaries         | \$6,150,357  |

### HUMAN RESOURCES STATISTICS

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Applications Processed                                       | 695 |
| Criminal Histories for Applicants                            | 316 |
| Background Investigations                                    | 293 |
| APPOINTMENTS   | 184 |
| Full-Time  | 126 |
| Part-Time Non-Eligible                                       | 58  |
| RETIREMENT/ SEPARATIONS                                      | 145 |
| Full-Time  | 88  |
| PTNE   | 57  |
| VESIP Participants<br>(Accepted County Retirement Incentive) | 1   |



| FISCAL YEAR 2022<br>(Oct 1, 2021 - Sep 30, 2022)    |       |
|---|-------|
| Purchasing Contracts                                | 79    |
| Grant Awards  | 28    |
| Grant Applications                                  | 19    |
| Purchase Orders Issued                              | 1,078 |
| P-Card Transactions                                 | 2,697 |
| Expense Reports (since Workday inception, May 2022) | 575   |
| Journal Entries/ Cash Sales                         | 128   |
| Bond Credit Card Payments                           | 809   |
| Credit Card Deposits (OCJ)                          | 9,723 |

## RESULTS PROGRAM

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

Drug tests: 15,548 | Alcohol tests: 20,482



## CORRECTIONS/COURTS/INMATE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF: *Major Larry Perry*

### MAIN JAIL/ANNEX

COMMAND: *Captain Thomas Vida*

Corrections and Court Services provides for the security and operation of corrections and court facilities and Inmate and Support Services. The division oversees the Main Jail, Main Jail Annex, East Annex and assesses the needs of each inmate and



Major Larry Perry





Captain Thomas Vida

non-custody offenders serving a sentence outside the jail. It remained impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in a reduced inmate population and required an increase in the cleaning and sanitizing of areas and products. Inmate visitation is available through onsite and off-site video visitations. In-person arraignments were rare, as 10,782 inmates were arraigned without leaving the jail.

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

### CORRECTIONS BY THE NUMBERS:

151

Number of naloxone nasal rescue kits that can reverse the potentially fatal effects of an opioid overdose were given out. More commonly known as Narcan®, it is available at no charge to departing inmates through a vending machine.

10,710

Number of inmates released in 2022 compared with 9,615 inmates released in 2021 and 10,366 inmates in 2020. In 2019, 16,540 were released, with the lower numbers directly related to the pandemic.

10,865

Number of inmates admitted in 2022, an increase over the 9,859 inmates admitted in 2021. In 2020, there were 9,905 inmates admitted. Those numbers are a substantial decrease from 2019 when 16,557 inmates were admitted. The decrease was directly related to the pandemic.

↑1,068 ↓880

Inmate population ranged from a high of 1,068 in December to a low of 880 in January.



36,119 off-site inmate video visits were conducted; 6,815 on-site video visits were held.

\$2.6M

544 inmates completed into one of seven programs including home confinement tether and work release tether that diverted them from jail, **SAVING** more than **18,000** jail bed days and nearly **\$2.6 MILLION**.



Video arraignments stood at 12,181, an increase over the 10,782 held in 2021. The 2022 arraignment number is close to that of 2019 when 12,566 video arraignments were conducted.

## COURT SERVICES

### COMMAND: Captain Melissa McClellan

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



Captain Melissa McClellan

### COURT SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS IN 2022:



1,518 in-person court proceedings were held in Circuit Court.

More than **536,000** visitors entered circuit, district, and Friend of the Court.

Nearly **200,000** visitors entered circuit court.



Nearly **1,700** edged weapons (straight knives, razors, box cutters, brass knuckles, daggers, and other edged weapons) were **INTERCEPTED** and more than **300** were **CONFISCATED** during Circuit Court screenings.

Two firearms and one Taser were recovered from people being screened in Circuit Court 58 mace/pepper spray containers confiscated in Circuit Court screenings.

Friend of the Court security screenings totaled 47,263 during which **251** edged weapons were **INTERCEPTED** and **11** were **CONFISCATED**.



District Court security entrance clearances totaled more than 289,000, during which **3,000** edged weapons were **INTERCEPTED** and **130** of those were **CONFISCATED**.

Deputies provided security for select Board of Commissioner meetings. In 2022 deputies worked **335 DETAILS** – an increase of 239 details from 2021. In 2022, a total of **3,184 HOURS** were worked – an increase of 2,606 hours from 2021. The increase was due to the resumption of in-person meetings open to the public, and an increase of security in response to increased protestor activity.



As the COVID-19 cases and risk reduction protocols significantly decreased, courts saw an increase of in-person court proceedings for civil and criminal matters, for the first time since the pandemic closed the courthouse to the public and in-person proceedings. By July 1, 2022, in-person court proceedings for Oakland County Jail detainees resumed in Circuit Court and District Courts across Oakland County.

### CIVIL UNIT

The Sheriff’s Office continues to contract with a private company to provide civil service. The privatization of the Civil Bureau continues to save the taxpayers of Oakland County approximately \$700,000 per year. The following are the 2022 Civil Bureau statistics:

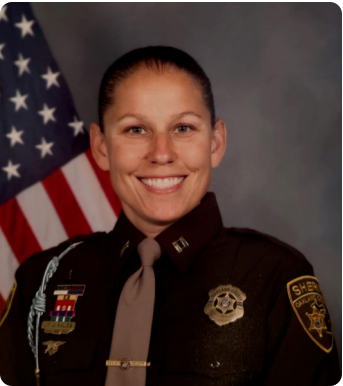
| 2022 CIVIL STATISTICS                                    |       |
|--|-------|
| Mortgage Foreclosure Sales                               | 412   |
| Summonses/Complaints                                     | 507   |
| Miscellaneous Documents                                  | 146   |
| Request and Order to Seize                               | 121   |
| Posted Adjournments                                      | 5,030 |
| Circuit Court & Foreclosure Sale Postings & Abandonments | 1,508 |
| Personal Protection Orders                               | 649   |
| Notice of Hearing  | 308   |
| Court Orders   | 196   |
| Subpoenas  | 44    |
| Small Claims Affidavits                                  | 65    |
| Garnishments   | 12    |
| Probate Court, Juvenile and Reimbursement                | 152   |
| Notarized Documents                                      | 2,636 |
| Petitions  | 588   |



### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND OPERATIONS

**COMMAND:** *Captain Jen Miles & Lieutenant Bryan Wood*

The Sheriff’s Office operates the second largest police/fire/EMS dispatch 911 center in Michigan. The division answers all 911 emergency as well as non-emergency calls for the Sheriff’s Office, 11 local law enforcement agencies, 19 local fire departments and the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center.



Captain Jen Miles



Telecommunicators attended more than 2,000 hours of training and conducted two dispatch academies, adding an additional 3,000 hours of training for newly hired personnel in 2022. Training included recognizing and managing domestic violence, suicidal, and hesitant callers, leadership and communications, peer support and crisis intervention training. All call takers are fully trained and certified by the International Emergency Academies of Dispatch (IAED) in Emergency Telecommunications (ETC), and the three protocol disciplines: Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD), and Emergency Police Dispatch (EPD).

2022 EMERGENCY DISPATCH CALLS STATISTICS



The Sheriff’s Office improved the Emergency Services IP Network (ESI Net) in preparation for the Next Generation 911 system and converted all traditional routing trunks to a more resilient fiber-based system. RapidSOS assists in more accurately locating callers using advanced services on both Android and Apple LTE devices. As technology and innovation in communications advanced, the Operations Center adopted new messaging and location-based services for callers that included further integration of text-to-911 to include real time texting for those with disabilities and language barriers. Our text-to-911 system translates the native language of a 911 texter into English and then responds with the translation.

The Operations Center has a multi-path redundant communications system for its telephone and radio systems and includes a backup operations center that can be used in a disaster.

2022 DISPATCHED INCIDENT STATISTICS

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Sheriff’s Office      | 283,356 |
| Other Police Agencies | 82,406  |
| Fire/EMS Departments  | 54,105  |
| TOTAL INCIDENTS       | 419,867 |

In total, the Operations Center managed 516,835 telephone calls in 2022. 200,364 total 911 telephone calls were answered in 2022, with cellular-based emergency calls accounting for 82% of the 911 calls.

| 2022 CALL VOLUME STATISTICS |         |                      |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| 911 Landline                | 13,667  | 10-Digit Emergency   | 94,928  |
| 911 VOIP                    | 19,006  | Administrative Calls | 121,500 |
| 911 Cellular                | 159,948 | Outbound Calls       | 99,382  |
| 911 Other                   | 7,743   |                      |         |
| TOTAL CALLS                 |         |                      | 516,835 |



LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

CHIEF OF STAFF: *Major Christopher Wundrach*

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

- City of Pontiac
- City of Rochester Hills



Major Christopher Wundrach



## PATROL SERVICES

### COMMAND: *Captain Bart Wilson*

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

Patrol Services also provides countywide police support that includes the Aviation Unit, 416 Traffic Unit, Motorcycle Traffic Unit, Crash Reconstruction Unit, Oakland County Parks Patrol, Bicycle Unit, Canine Unit, Mounted Unit, and Reserve Deputy Unit.

Services were provided for such major events and locations as the Woodward Dream Cruise, Michigan Renaissance Festival, the National Cemetery in Holly Township, Motor Bella Auto Show, Roadkill Nights, the Festival of Hills Fireworks Show, the Oakland County International Airport Airshow, and numerous Oakland County communities for holiday parades.

The following Oakland County municipalities and the Oakland County Parks contract for police services:

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



*Captain Bart Wilson*



Total Calls for Service: 268,810



Total Arrests: 10,417

## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

### 416 TRAFFIC UNIT

The 416 Traffic Unit is a state-funded program for traffic enforcement on secondary county roads. It is available to local police for any traffic-related enforcement and assistance including accident investigation. This group of highly trained deputies is a mobile strike force that can respond to serious multiple car crashes or police emergencies anywhere in the county. The 416 Traffic Unit also emphasizes the importance of educating the public about safe driving through numerous community initiatives and zero tolerance enforcement programs. The Zero Tolerance Enforcement programs include:

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

### CRASH RECONSTRUCTION UNIT

The Crash Reconstruction Unit is an integral part of the Traffic Unit. The unit consists of one sergeant and five deputies. It responds on a 24/7 basis to serious injury and fatal vehicle crashes and for any police agency needing assistance.

### CANINE UNIT (K-9)

The K-9 Unit consists of 12 dogs and nine handlers, with capabilities that include narcotic detection, explosives detection, arson accelerant detection, tracking for missing/fleeing subjects, suspect apprehension, suspect area/building searches, evidentiary article searches, handler protection and crowd control. Numerous K-9 sweeps were conducted in the Corrective Services Division to ensure the facilities remain safe and drug free. Our goal is to increase the size of the K-9 team in 2023.



The K-9 Unit increased assists to area police departments, due to explosive threats or arson-related activity. The unit also assisted NET, DEA, and the F.B.I. Gang Task Force in numerous warrant-related raids.

In 2022, our narcotics trained K-9 teams seized over 14,600 grams of illegal drugs, including 13 kilos of the deadly drug fentanyl. They also recovered five illegally possessed handguns.



Since the tragic events of the Oxford High School shooting in 2021, the K-9 Unit has seen a significant increase in gun- and bomb-related school searches. Additionally, assists to regional police department increased due to telephone-related bomb threats. This increase prompted the Sheriff's Office to add two explosives detection K-9's, with plans to add more. The K-9 Unit has been integrated into the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team and SWAT, and routinely assists federal agencies including DEA, and the F.B.I.

| 2022 CANINE UNIT STATISTICS |     |                           |    |
|-----------------------------|-----|---------------------------|----|
| Calls for Service           | 829 | Public Demonstrations     | 61 |
| Explosive/ Arson Searches   | 267 | K-9 Related Arrests       | 46 |
| Searches                    | 324 | Weapons/ Handguns Seized  | 5  |
| Tracks                      | 139 | School Searches/ Vehicles | 38 |

MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC UNIT

The Motorcycle Unit, one of the largest in Michigan, was re-established in 1999 by Sheriff Bouchard and is an asset to both law enforcement and community relations. The 22 deputies assigned to the unit must complete a rigorous 80-hour training course. A 3-day recertification course is then required at the beginning of each new riding season.

2022 Traffic Enforcement Statistics

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Citations                     | 38,470 |
| Crash Investigation - Fatal   | 40     |
| Crash Investigation - Serious | 23     |

MARINE UNIT

The Marine Unit – the largest in Michigan with more than 45 part-time deputies and a 12-member dive and emergency rescue team – is prepared for an immediate response to any of the county's 450-plus lakes that cover 70 square miles. It has 23 patrol boats, a hovercraft, two rapid-response jump boats, six all-terrain vehicles, three specialty boats for search and rescue, and four snowmobiles.

The highly trained Dive and Rescue Team is equipped with advanced technology equipment and can dive in virtually any weather or water condition on a moment's notice.



Oakland County has more registered boats and handles more watercraft accidents than any other county in Michigan. The unit continues to teach boating and hunting safety classes at no cost.

The Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team (SSRT) responds to missions involving lost, stranded, injured and/or missing persons either on land or in the water. The six-member team investigates all serious boating and/or water-related accidents.

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| 2022 MARINE SAFETY UNIT              |       |  |     |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--|-----|
| Calls for Service                    | 443   | Livery Boats Inspected                 | 634 |
| Boater Safety Students Certified     | 156   | Marine Search & Rescue Hours           | 380 |
| Hunting Safety Students Certified    | 240   | Marine Dive Callouts                   | 7   |
| Snowmobile Safety Students Certified | 10    | Drownings                              | 1   |
| Hours of Jump Patrol                 | 1,820 | Near Drownings                         | 3   |
| Hours of Contracted Lake Patrol      | 3,191 | Assist Other Agency Hours              | 307 |
| Marine Citations                     | 484   | Sheriff's Search & Rescue Hours (SSRT) | 638 |
| Marine Warnings                      | 3,036 | SSRT Callouts                          | 30  |
| Citizen Assists                      | 218   | Southeast Michigan Dive Group Hours    | 130 |
| Boat Liveries Inspected              | 17    | Southeast Michigan Dive Group Callouts | 26  |

COMMUNITIES CONTRACTED FOR LAKE PATROLS IN 2022:

The 2022 Boating Season was successful due in part to the above communities contracting with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. We were able to provide a visible Marine presence to the public on a good portion of the lakes while keeping our Marine Jump Crews available for high priority calls.

- Cass Lake – Keego Harbor
  - North and South Commerce Lakes, Lower Straits, and Lake Sherwood – Commerce Township
  - Cedar Island – White Lake Township
  - Deer Lake – Independence Township
- Lakeville Lake – Addison Township
  - Lake Orion and Voorheis Lake – Orion Township
  - Elizabeth Lake and Maceday Lake – Waterford Township
  - Orchard Lake – Village of Orchard Lake



- Pine Lake and Walnut Lake – West Bloomfield Township
- Pontiac Lake – White Lake Township
- Sylvan Lake – City of Sylvan Lake
- Upper Long Lake – Bloomfield Township
- Walled Lake – Novi
- White Lake – Highland Township / White Lake Township
- Williams Lake – Waterford Township

**MOUNTED UNIT**

The Mounted Unit has eight part-time deputies who provide their own horses and donate countless hours of personal time to this highly professional unit. It participated in more than 689 hours of training at various locations, including Springfield Oaks and Addison Oaks county parks. All mounted deputies are evaluated to ensure that riders and horses adhere to standards for public and officer safety.



Mounted Unit deputies patrolled 24 hours at The Paint Creek Trail and 80 hours at the Somerset Collection Mall.

The Mounted Unit participated in 560 hours in special details, including the 4-H County Fair, Highland Festival and Memorial Day Parade (Highland Township), Clawson Fireworks, Detroit Fireworks, Holly Fireworks, Juneteenth Celebration (Royal Oak), Woodward Dream Cruise, The Festival of the Hills (Rochester Hills), Rochester Hills Christmas Parade, and Pontiac Christmas Parade.

Mounted Unit total hours worked 2022: 1,800

**PARKS UNIT**

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

The Mountain Bike Patrol is used in a wide variety of police services within the parks: routine patrol, community, and public relations, searching for lost children, and other similar assignments. The Mountain Bike Patrol has proven to be an asset at major public events in Oakland County.

**2022 PARKS UNIT STATISTICS**

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Park Unit Training Hours                 | 2,207.50 |
| Park Patrol Hours                        | 6,694    |
| Park Unit Special Events Hours           | 964      |
| Bike Patrol Hours                        | 388      |
| Citations                                | 34       |
| Calls for Service Initiated/Responded To | 8,774    |
| Park unit Reports Written                | 97       |
| Parking Permit Warnings Issued           | 76       |
| Deer Stand Compliance Hours              | 1,160    |

**RESERVE DEPUTIES**

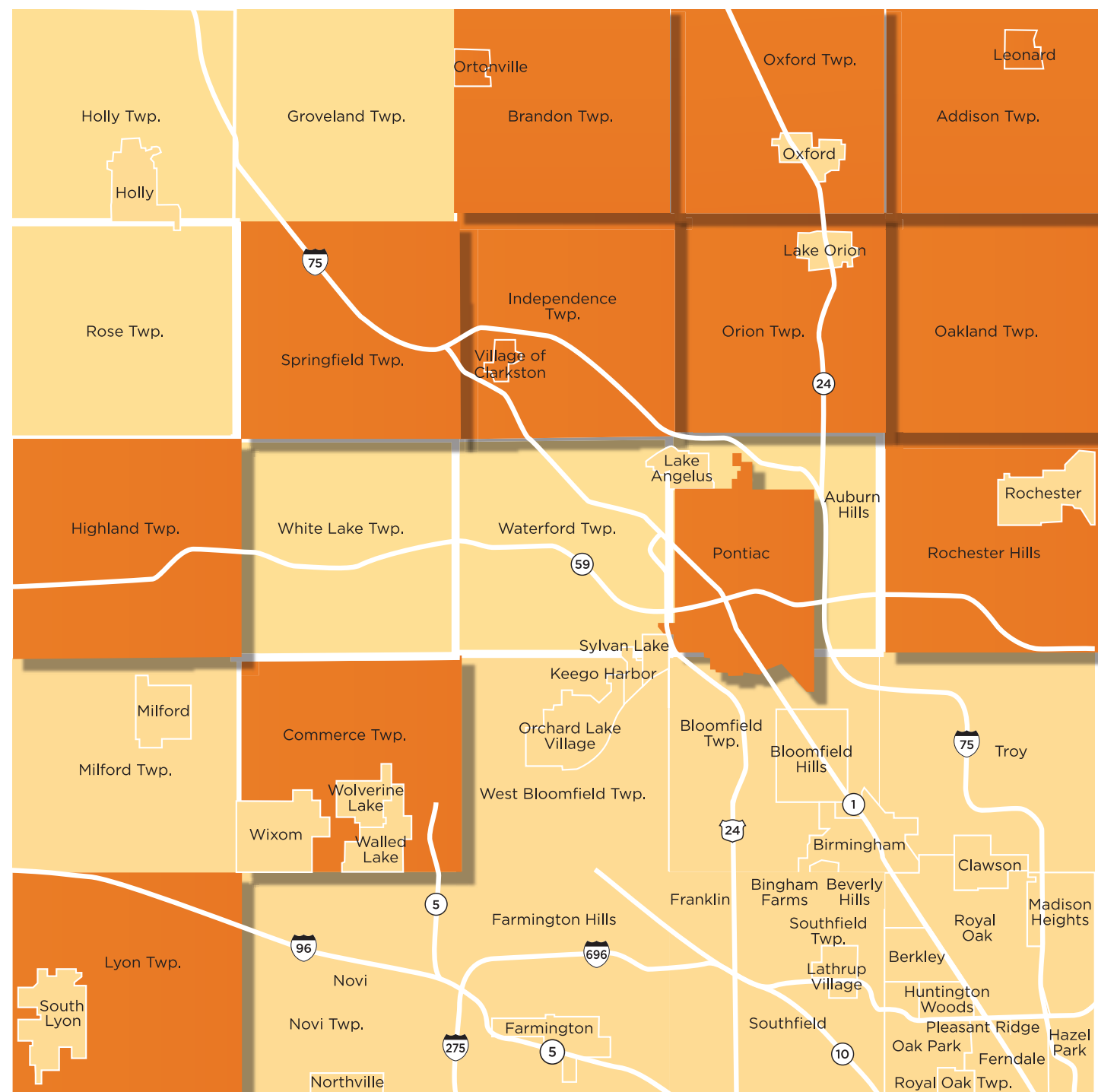
The Reserve Unit is made up of 105 active reserves. The unit is a community-based cadre of uniformed, trained volunteers. They have attended a college-accredited Reserve Academy which allows them to work in conjunction with full-time Sheriff’s Office personnel.

They continually receive updates and training, keeping them current with our ever-changing environment of law enforcement. The Reserves are credited with donating 16,300 hours in 2022 to assist the Sheriff’s Office on a variety of details and special events. Events include high school football and basketball games, community parades, Woodward Dream Cruise, Motor Bella Auto Show, Festival of Hills Fireworks Show, Oakland County Fair, local Fourth of July events, Halloween events, Christmas events, and Shop with a Hero/Cop Events.

**2022 RESERVE DEPUTY HOURS SERVED**

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Patrol                   | 2,859 |
| Training                 | 4,736 |
| Special Details & Events | 5,109 |
| Administrative           | 3,666 |





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



## PONTIAC PATROL SERVICES

**COMMAND:** *Captain Andre Ewing*

The Pontiac Substation, with a staff of 93 sworn deputies and two civilian administrative staff, is the largest contracted substation within the Sheriff's Office. It serves over 61,000 residents with more than 69,000 calls for service in 2022. The Sheriff's Office has provided law enforcement services for Pontiac since 2011.

Public safety and maintaining the public trust remain top priorities. The Sheriff's Office continued to strengthen bonds with residents through programs like the Neighborhood Watch, the Sheriff's Police Athletic League (PAL),



*Captain Andre Ewing*



National Night Out Against Crime, Shop with a Cop, Turkey Giveaway with CNS, Adopt a Family for Thanksgiving and Christmas and other community programs and events. The Angel’s Night Fun Festival draws more than 1,000 young people each year.

The Sheriff’s Office has a full-time Community Policing Team to promote public trust, increase public safety, reduce blight/nuisances, and address overall crime prevention.

In 2022, the Pontiac Substation became one of the first in Michigan to have a Drone First Responder program, which can deploy a drone to provide an aerial view of an incident prior to deputies arriving on scene. When fully implemented this program will allow for a safer response for Pontiac residents and deputies.




In June, the Sheriff’s Office partnered with Oakland Community Health Network to provide a mental health co-responder clinician. The co-responder clinician provided face-to-face crisis intervention to help de-escalate and/or stabilize individuals in crisis and prevent further criminal justice involvement. The co-responder made 167 referrals for service, either on-scene or during follow up. While on-scene the co-responder assisted with 62 voluntary transports and 18 involuntary transports to emergency departments for mental health treatment.

The Pontiac Substation increased traffic enforcement patrols in 2022, nearly doubling the number of citations issued from the previous year. The traffic unit also participated in Tag and Drag events to remove abandoned vehicles from neighborhood roads with more than 220 vehicles tagged for removal.

The Detective Bureau investigated:

- 12 homicides, with warrants were issued in 10 cases, while two remain under investigation.
- The Directed Patrol Unit (DPU) made or assisted in 247 arrests.
- Seized 92 illegal firearms during traffic stops, search warrants, surveillance, and proactive investigations.

Pontiac Patrol Division by the Numbers

-  Calls for Service: **69,328**
-  Incident Reports: **11,449**
-  Cases Assigned to Detectives: **4,790**

| TRAFFIC STATISTICS    |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Traffic Citations     | 11,258 |
| Moving Violations     | 2,554  |
| Non-Moving Violations | 6,852  |
| Appearance Violations | 345    |

| 2022 ARREST STATISTICS              |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Felony Arrests                      | 1,730 |
| Felony Warrant Arrests              | 70    |
| Misdemeanor Arrests                 | 2,188 |
| Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests         | 33    |
| Friend of Court Arrests             | 304   |
| Parole/Probation Violations Arrests | 167   |
| TOTAL ARRESTS                       | 4,492 |



ROCHESTER HILLS PATROL SERVICES

COMMAND: Captain Russ Yeiser

The Rochester Hills Patrol Services Division, with 63 employees, serves the largest population (more than 76,000 residents) of all Sheriff’s Office substations. It provides 24-hour law enforcement services for the city and is the second busiest in calls for service among Sheriff’s Office contract locations.

Captain Russ Yeiser





## ROCHESTER HILLS IS CONSISTENTLY RANKED AS ONE OF THE SAFEST CITIES IN AMERICA

In 2022, deputies responded to 39,256 calls for service. Deputies also focused on crime prevention by conducting nearly 9,800 targeted patrols in schools, industrial parks and commercial building and high-visibility as well as performing community-oriented neighborhood patrols.

### ROCHESTER HILLS PATROL SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS



Calls for Service: **39,256**  
Average Daily Calls: **108**  
Incident Reports: **3,171**



Cases Assigned for Additional Investigation: **1,689**  
Felony Arrests: **321**  
Misdemeanor Arrests: **1,164**



**2,510** Moving Violations  
**3,857** Non-Moving Violations



**7,102** Total Traffic Citations\*

*\*Includes other categories not listed above*

## DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau investigated or assisted in the investigation of 1,689 cases, with an overall clearance rate of 55 percent. Most of the unclearable cases were identity theft / fraud cases where the suspect(s) are usually not in the United States. Detectives are active in a multi-agency approach to solving fraud in conjunction with the FBI. Two detectives are assigned to the FBI Metro Detroit Identity Theft Task Force, working with FBI agents to tackle the high volume of identity theft and fraud cases reported to the Sheriff's Office. In 2022, detectives assisted the FBI with the execution of a search warrant of a home involved in a large-scale real estate fraud investigation.

Three detectives work as needed in the Major Crimes Assistance Team (MCAT), assisting other agencies with investigative resources.

## COMMUNITY POLICING DEPUTY

The Community Policing Unit with Deputy Mark Hickson, and his K-9 partner Deputy Taser, participated in over 200 events in 2022. They included teaching "Responding to an Active Shooter" classes at businesses, houses of worship and for other community partners. They participated in numerous homeowners' association meetings, and other community events including, the Festival of the Hills Fireworks celebration, Tons of Trucks, Trunk or Treat events, a Farmers Market event in conjunction with Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital, the Rochester Auburn Hills Community Coalition virtual events, and numerous teaching events.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES

The Rochester Hills Substation School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit provided law enforcement support and school liaison services to over 31 schools in the Rochester Community Schools District, three schools in the Avondale School District and many other private schools within Rochester Hills for the 2022 school year. This unit is comprised of one detective sergeant, four deputies, and two Rochester police officers. The SRO Unit responded to over 1,000 calls for service, including crime reports, threats against schools, assaults, sexual assaults, child protective service investigations, search warrant preparation and executions, extra patrols, welfare checks, tobacco and alcohol investigations, accidents on school property, traffic control, and property damage which resulted in over 250 investigative reports.

The SRO Unit conducted several presentations about drug/alcohol awareness, practical law, internet safety and many more. These officers assist staff in threat assessments, professional development, and day-to-day operations of the schools.

In the fall, the Rochester Hills Substation – with support from the Avondale School District – added an SRO position dedicated to three Avondale schools in Rochester Hills, a position filled by a deputy and a K-9 comfort dog named Deputy Hope. They have been a great addition to the team and a valuable tool in building relationships with the students in the Avondale School District. K-9 Deputy Hope is sponsored by the Oakland Community Health Network, a great partner in the SRO unit.

A detective sergeant was added to oversee the team of SRO's responsible for the Rochester Community Schools, acting as a liaison between the Rochester Community Schools and the Sheriff's Office.





## INVESTIGATIVE AND FORENSIC SERVICES

**COMMAND:** *Captain Joseph Quisenberry*

The Investigative and Forensic Services Division is comprised of many specialized and cross-trained units and task forces that assist other divisions within the Sheriff’s Office. Areas of expertise include fugitive and absconder apprehension, fire and arson investigation, crime scene analysis, narcotics enforcement, auto theft, major crimes/special investigations, and computer crimes investigations. Each unit focuses on their specialty but has been cross trained to assist each other and other divisions.



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The division includes the forensic science laboratory (crime/DNA lab), the evidence/property room, warrants unit, Friend of the Court Enforcement, and violent gangs task force. The division is responsible for receiving, distributing and tracking information from the Crime Stoppers tip line, 1-800-SPEAK UP.

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

The Auto Theft Unit specializes in investigating all auto theft-related crimes throughout the county. Vehicle theft has increased along with false reports of vehicle thefts and fraudulent vehicle purchases through dealerships using a false identity and/or by providing false documentation. Also, the Auto Theft Unit is increasingly investigating criminal cases involving organized commercial vehicle theft operations and catalytic converter thefts from vehicles. The unit is a multi-jurisdictional task force with the Sheriff’s Office acting as the project director. The 13-member team is comprised of officers from various police departments including Hazel Park, Royal Oak, Detroit, Farmington Hills, and Southfield.

| AUTO THEFT UNIT ACTIVITY  |              |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           | 2021 TOTALS  | 2022 TOTALS  |
| Recovered Stolen Vehicles | 564          | 473          |
| Recovered Value           | \$14,013,823 | \$10,817,162 |
| Number of Cases           | 769          | 711          |
| Warrants Obtained         | 252          | 216          |
| Total Arrests - Persons   | 252          | 216          |

### COMPUTER CRIMES UNIT

Computer Crimes and its five detectives perform complex digital forensic examinations, investigations and search warrant and multimedia assistance. The backlog times of forensic examinations stayed consistent over 2022, with cell phone examinations backed up anywhere from a few weeks to a month and computer examinations backlogged up to four months.

Cell phones and mobile devices continued to be the number one evidence items for examination. The unit continued to experience an increase in the demand for vehicle infotainment and telematics forensic examinations.

The unit saw high demand for cellular data and cellular tower analysis. There was a significant increase in the mapping of the data, as well as assistance in writing search warrants for this type of data. Cell tower analysis and mapping locations provided prosecutions of several serial criminals. Requests for laptop and computer tower examinations remained constant from previous years.



| COMPUTER CRIMES UNIT ACTIVITY                       |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2021 TOTALS | 2022 TOTALS |
| Forensic Examination Cases                          | 366         | 406         |
| Items of Media Analyzed                             | 579         | 924         |
| Amount of Data Analyzed                             | 62 TB       | 74 TB       |
| C.C.U. Cases  | 15          | 5           |
| Search Warrant/Agency Assists                       | 359         | 223         |
| Internet Safety Presentations and Training Sessions | 5           | 9           |

### EVIDENCE/PROPERTY ROOM

Main Evidence/Property room personnel ensure the proper logging and maintenance of all evidence/property coming into the custody of the Sheriff’s Office excluding inmate property and the N.E.T. Unit.

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

The total number of property tag cards issued for 2022 is 6,211.

| EVIDENCE/ PROPERTY ROOM STATISTICS            |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2021 TOTALS | 2022 TOTALS |
| Total Property Received                       | 6,497       | 6,211       |
| Property Destroyed - Main Property Room       | 2,861       | 4,357       |
| Weapons Destroyed                             | 390         | 427         |
| Property Released                             | 762         | 758         |
| Auctioned Property - Main Property Room       | 40          | 71          |
| Cell Phones Sold to eCycle                    | 148         | 175         |
| Deposited Money in Sheriff’s Enhancement Fund | \$4,288     | \$4,052     |
| Deposited Money in Unclaimed Fund             | \$2,610     | \$3,349     |

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

The nationally recognized Fire Investigation’s Unit assisted more than 28 police and fire agencies in 2022. The unit conducted 122 fire investigations during the year including seven fatal fires. Recorded property losses totaled more than \$128 million. The unit obtained 10 warrants and made seven arrests with successful convictions and have two cases pending.

2022 was the 16<sup>th</sup> year that the unit had access to a K-9 accelerant detection dog – K-9 Sterk – one of only six in Michigan. K-9 Sterk has gone through extensive training to point out the exact location where accelerants were used in setting a fire. He has located the use of accelerants on multiple fire scenes and can identify and track residue on preparational materials used to start the fire and on the suspects themselves. K-9 Sterk and his handler responded to 25 requests in 2022.

With the number of police and fire departments seeing financial difficulties and retirements, the Fire Investigations Unit saw an increase in callouts and has been instrumental in training new fire marshals and fire investigators.

| FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORTS |             |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                            | 2021 TOTALS | 2022 TOTALS |
| Accidental Fires           | 38          | 40          |
| Arson Fires                | 36          | 49          |
| Undetermined Fires         | 64          | 36          |
| TOTAL FIRES INVESTIGATED   | 138         | 123         |

### FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY

The Sheriff’s Forensic Science Laboratory continues to maintain ISO/EIC 17025:2017 international accreditation. The Toxicology Unit received accreditation for blood alcohol in 2022. The Biology Unit processed a record number of 768 submissions of which 45 percent were connected to violent crimes. Two vacancies were filled earlier in the year and another two analysts were selected for hiring. The unit processed 345 submissions related to violent crimes.

The Firearms Unit completed 1,315 cases, 1,569 Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) entries and 391 potential IBIS hits while in the process of training a new analyst and a technician.

The Latent Print unit continues to maintain rapid casework turnaround times.

The Drug Chemistry section continues to process a high volume of casework of which a large percentage of substances contain fentanyl. Part-time IT support was allocated to the laboratory that has been very helpful in solving immediate problems.



| FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY TESTING           |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2021 TOTALS | 2022 TOTALS |
| Cases tested for Outside Agencies             | 2,274       | 2,809       |
| Cases tested for Sheriff's Office             | 1,591       | 1,731       |
| Cases tested for RESULTS Program (Toxicology) | 25,129      | 26,747      |
| Crime Scene Investigations                    | 33          | 36          |
| Drug Cases Tested                             | 1,324       | 1,212       |
| Firearms/Tool Mark Cases Tested               | 1,467       | 1,351       |
| Latent Print Cases Tested                     | 498         | 544         |
| Biology Cases Tested                          | 518         | 768         |
| CODIS Hit Confirmations                       | 62          | 97          |
| Blood Alcohol Tested                          | 25          | 262         |

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

The Friend of the Court Enforcement Unit works to ensure parents pay court-ordered child support. It makes local arrests and transports prisoner arrested by other law enforcement agencies on Oakland County or FOC warrants throughout Michigan. Since using “wanted” posters identifying a parent for whom an arrest warrant has been issued for either failing to appear for a court hearing, neglect, or unpaid child support, it resulted in several dozen additional arrests and/or closed cases by compliance every year.

This year the number of warrants issued increased by approximately 62% over last year. Friend of the Court officials say current support collections had a slight decrease in 2022 and was at 76.1 percent for the year, down from 78 percent in 2021. Arrears case support collections were up 1.8 percent, finishing at 52.5% compared with 2021’s 50.7 percent. Oakland County collections were substantially above the statewide collection rate of 43 percent for 2022.

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

| FOC ENFORCEMENT UNIT ACTIVITY      |             |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    | 2021 TOTALS | 2022 TOTALS |
| New Bench Warrants Issued          | 2,771       | 4,597       |
| FOC Investigator Initiated Arrests | 1,061       | 943         |
| Bench Warrants Canceled            | 2,207       | 3,542       |
| Prisoner Pick-Ups (Statewide)      | 107         | 311         |
| Resulting Surrenders/ Compliance   | 987         | 3,343       |

### FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TEAM (F.A.T.)

The Fugitive Apprehension Team targets and apprehend violent suspects for whom warrants have been issued, including career criminals who are wanted for trial. The team lends its professional expertise to any local law enforcement agency in Oakland County that request assistance with fugitive apprehension, investigations, and surveillance. In 2022, the team took several major criminals off the streets for crimes such as murder, armed robbery, home invasion and criminal sexual conduct. Investigators are federally deputized as U.S. Marshals and work closely with the U.S. Marshal’s Service. The team extradites criminals back to Oakland County to stand trial. Their technical specialty in surveillance is constantly called upon by other law enforcement agencies to assist in investigations.

| FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TEAM STATISTICS |             |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                       | 2021 TOTALS | 2022 TOTALS |
| Total Fugitive Arrests                | 206         | 220         |
| Total Extraditions                    | 18          | 11          |

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

Since January 2001, the Sheriff’s Office has led the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (N.E.T.) in a working relationship with federal and local police departments. N.E.T. works to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations. In 2022, N.E.T. seized \$5.5 million worth of illegal drugs throughout Oakland County. N.E.T. has successfully forfeited and closed cases that resulted in the distribution of more than \$582,000 to the local participating agencies. Oakland County continued to follow the national drug threat trend with fentanyl / heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine being the top drug threats. In 2022, the amounts Psilocybin and Promethazine have dramatically increased in our area. N.E.T. continues to view heroin/fentanyl as a major threat in Oakland County and mirror drug trends throughout Southeast Michigan.



| NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM ACTIVITY |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2022 TOTALS                         |                           |
| Investigations Initiated            | 411                       |
| Arrests - Persons                   | 242                       |
| Arrests - Charges                   | 567                       |
| DRUGS PURCHASED/SEIZED              |                           |
| Cocaine                             | 13,908.57 gm              |
| Crack Cocaine                       | 1,307.03 gm               |
| Marijuana                           | 1,671.29 lbs              |
| Marijuana Gummies/Wax/Oil           | 34,790.44 gm/<br>74 units |
| THC/Vape Cartridges                 | 2,521units                |
| Promethazine                        | 567,790.8 gm              |
| Fentanyl                            | 2,740.78 gm               |
| Fentanyl Pills                      | 112 units                 |
| Heroin/Black Tar Heroin             | 1,295.08 gm               |
| Ecstasy/MDMA                        | 241.89gm/<br>683 units    |
| LSD                                 | 1.7 gm                    |
| LSD Tabs                            | 1,359 units               |
| Methamphetamine                     | 3,548.23 gm               |
| Psilocybin                          | 21,391.73 gm              |
| Prescription Drugs                  | 94.02 gm/<br>11,670 units |
| Other Dangerous Drugs               | 217.90 units              |

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

### SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (S.I.U.)

The Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) is the major crimes and professional standards unit with significant experience and expertise in the investigation, supervision, administration, and prosecution of complex criminal cases at the state and federal levels. S.I.U. provides investigative support to all divisions of the Sheriff’s Office and other law enforcement agencies, including local, state, and federal agencies as well as the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office. S.I.U. provides investigative assistance on major crimes, including homicides, sexual assaults, robbery, serial crimes of violence and financial crimes.

The financial crimes section handles all mortgage and deed fraud investigations. S.I.U. is the professional standards unit (i.e., internal affairs) investigating

criminal and serious disciplinary matters involving all members of the Sheriff’s Office, up to and including officer-involved shooting investigations. S.I.U. is frequently called upon by other police agencies to conduct, assist or review similar investigations within the requesting agency.

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

In 2022, S.I.U. conducted 125 investigations, several of which were from other law enforcement agencies. A total of 147 polygraphs were administered. S.I.U. investigates all major inmate incidents within the Corrective Services and Satellite Facilities divisions. Examples include in-custody deaths, escapes, jail disturbances, possession/distribution of illegal drugs or contraband and assaults on corrections staff.

### WARRANTS UNIT

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

| WARRANT UNIT ACTIVITY                   |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2021 TOTALS | 2022 TOTALS |
| Felony Warrants                         | 375         | 384         |
| Misdemeanor Warrants                    | 85          | 104         |
| Civil Warrants                          | 17          | 41          |
| Total Warrants Cleared*                 | 477         | 529         |
| Total Person Arrested (Warrant Pickups) | 398         | 420         |
| Extradition Hearings                    | 83          | 106         |

*\*One person may have multiple arrests.*





# EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS

**COMMAND:** *Captain Todd Hill*

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

- Aviation Unit
- Comfort K-9 Unit

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- Co-Responder (CoRe) Program
- Crisis Response Unit
- Drone Unit
- Homeland Security & Emergency Response Management
- Mass Decontamination Unit (MDU)

## AVIATION UNIT

The Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit consist of two highly sophisticated helicopters responsible for the aerial support of public safety and law enforcement activities. The helicopters should, when practical, function as patrol units capable of handling services to completion with or without ground unit assistance and/or assisting search and rescue. They work jointly with the Drone unit to preserve/protect life and property for Oakland County and the state of Michigan. Examples of the unit's missions include:

- Dispatch calls for service
- Assist in vehicle high-speed pursuits
- Aerial backup for ground units
- Surveillance
- Searches for fleeing or wanted suspects, lost/missing/suicidal subjects
- Crime scene overflight to include photos and video
- Crimes in progress
- Overwatch
- Assistance to SSRT/Dive team/SWAT/F.A.T.
- Aerial patrol of utility infrastructure/power substations/water treatment facilities

- Peer Support Program
- Recruiting Unit
- Sheriff's Shield Program
- SWAT (Special Weapons & Tactics) Team
- Training Unit



- Major fire scenes
- Disasters and demonstrations
- In 2022 the aviation unit flew approximately 248 hours in Air 1. Responses for the year are as follows.
- 135 CFS assists
- 212 hours of overwatch
- 84 Patrol Flights
- 14 Special Details
- 24 Assist to OCSO
- 17 Assist to other agencies
- 3 After hour call outs



## COMFORT K-9 UNIT

The Sheriff’s Office Comfort K-9 Unit – the first of its kind in the state – is comprised of 12 Cavalier King Charles Spaniel K-9’s. The Cavalier breed was chosen due to their personality traits (affectionate with families, good temperament with young children, and good temperament with other dogs). The breed is notable for its four distinct color patterns, each of which, at various times, was associated with a particular noble family: Blenheim (chestnut markings on a white background), Tricolor (black markings on a white background), Black and Tan (black with tan markings), and Ruby (a rich red). There are two Comfort K-9’s assigned to the Emergency Response & Preparedness Divisions are Cali (Instagram @deputy.cali) and Scarlet (Instagram @deputy.scarlet). The remaining Comfort K-9’s are assigned through the Patrol Divisions and Dispatch. Private donors sponsor the dogs which are assigned to a handler and attend public events, school events, perform community outreach in hospitals and respond to natural disaster scenes or perform crisis intervention.

## CO-RESPONDER (CoRe) PROGRAM

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

The goal in an incident stemming from a behavioral health crisis is to utilize the least restrictive measures to secure the welfare of all those concerned, connect individuals to needed services, and divert individuals experiencing a crisis from the criminal justice system whenever possible. This cooperative initiative seeks to enhance community response to people in crisis by embedding a proactive mental health clinician in the field who provides services and resources for proper mental health follow-up. By doing this we reduce the need for repeated and emergency police involvement, minimizing the potential of force or response to resistance from being used. The ideal resolution for a behavioral health crisis incident is to connect the subject involved with resources that can provide long term stabilizing support.

### On-Scene Outcome:

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

### Co-Responder Outcome:

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

## CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT

The Sheriff’s Office received a three-year grant to fund a Crisis Response Unit (CRU) from December 2022 to December 2025. The CRU is comprised of one sergeant and two deputies dedicated to respond to incidents involving persons in a co-occurring substance abuse and mental health crisis. Responding to incidents county wide, CRU works cooperatively with community stakeholders. By partnering with the Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN), the CRU provides referral to applicable services and enhanced response for people in crisis, to reduce opioid, stimulant, and substance abuse, along with treating mental health.

The unit identifies potential needs of the community members from calls for service that have a link to opioid/substance abuse. The unit attempts to connect subjects and/or friends and family, to appropriate resources provided to the community. The intent is to slow the escalation of individual user’s opioid abuse and reduce the likelihood of recurring calls for service and other related effects on the health and safety of the community. December CRU members made 29 follow ups, connecting four people and one family member with resources.

## DRONE UNIT

The Sheriff’s Office Drone Unit has multiple tasks throughout the agency including:

- DFR (Drone First Responder)
- Substations Assignment
- On-call Drone Operators
- SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team
- Crash Reconstruction Unit
- Sheriff Search and Rescue (SSRT)
- 416 Traffic

The Sheriff’s Office has 70 licensed FSS Certified Drone Operators and 20 deployable drones throughout the agency. As of 2022, the Sheriff’s Office is the largest law enforcement drone operator in Michigan and is ranked second nationally.

Since inception, DFR (Drone First Responder) has responded to over 90 calls for service and logged over 42 total hours of flight time. DFR is directly responsible for at least three felony arrests due to its ability to safely relay information to law enforcement personnel on the ground.



## HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANAGEMENT

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

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

The Homeland Security and Emergency Response Management Unit remains committed to its goal of building and improving the county’s ability to respond to major incidents with its partners.

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

In 2022, 615 clearance checks were completed complying with CJIS standards.

## MASS DECONTAMINATION UNIT (MDU)

The Sheriff’s Office Mass Decontamination Unit (MDU) is designed for decontamination of the general population and first responders. It functions as an on-scene rest and rehabilitation center and temporary shelter or staging area during emergencies, disasters, training events, and community functions. MDU members are highly skilled deputies who are certified in hazardous material awareness and hazardous material operations. The MDU has been used in large events such as the Woodward Dream Cruise and Arts Beats & Eats to be prepared for emergencies.

## PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM (PSP)

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

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

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

## RECRUITING UNIT

The Sheriff’s Office added a dedicated recruiting sergeant in 2022 to increase the Sheriff’s Office recruitment and retention efforts to maintain its staffing levels. The recruiting sergeant is a liaison with Human Resources to oversee recruitment, hiring and retention efforts.

- Attending college career fairs
- Attending local Job Fair Giant and Reliant Hiring Fairs
- Attending local high school career days
- Increased advertising on the Sheriff’s Office Facebook page
- Increased advertising (local M-59 billboard and local news articles)
- Updated job posting flyers
- New tablecloth and 3D display stand for recruiting events

The recruiting team proctored the LCOPAT and EMPCO testing at the Brandon Training Facility 52 times. This event allowed prospective applicants to view our training facility, speak with a recruiter and meet future co-workers. This was our most effective tool to recruit candidates for Corrections Deputy openings.

Recruiting hosted a July 22 hiring event at Golling-Chrysler in Bloomfield Township, which included patrol vehicles, Air 1, SWAT vehicles and motorcycles along with staff, resulting in more than 30 applications for openings as a corrections deputy.

The Recruiting Teams highlights this year include:

- Streamlining the application and hiring process
- Improving communication with HR for the Sheriff’s Office and the county
- Improving communication with job applicants
- Updating job postings on Indeed and Government Jobs

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



## SHIELD PROGRAM

The Shield Program is a partnership between law enforcement and private sector professionals to keep residents informed.

Acts of domestic and international terrorism are on the rise, and there is a clear need for law enforcement and the private sector to work together to help to prevent future attacks. Private sector professionals are the eyes and ears of the community and have access to information which can benefit law enforcement. Reporting of suspicious activity is paramount in the prevention of future terrorist attacks on our communities.

Through the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Shield, suspicious activity can be reported more efficiently and allows law enforcement to share critical information with the private sector quickly and effectively. Additionally, we can share both domestic and international threat trends and briefings on relevant topics which could impact the private sector.

In partnership with the New York Police Department, the Sheriff's Office operates Oakland County Sheriff Shield, which allows members of the community and businesses to sign-up for emails which are distributed after critical events occur. These emails will cover terrorist attacks, bombings, potential threats, and safety precautions for local events.

## SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT) TEAM

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



In 2022 the SWAT Team responded to approximately 94 requests for service in Oakland County. The SWAT Team training occurs regularly and focuses on active shooters, hostage situations, and terrorist incidents.

## TRAINING UNIT

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

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

- LCOTS certified Corrections Academy including a certified LCOPAT testing site
- A firearms range for handgun, shotgun, rifle, TASER, baton, and pepper spray
- Operation of the "VirTra" simulation training equipment
- Management of the Sheriff's Office Cadet Program
- Management of PPE to include acquisition, deployment, and inventory tracking

Training highlighted in 2022 included:

- Autism Awareness for First Responders
- Implicit Bias & Racial Profiling
- Mental Health and First Aid
- Pursuit Termination Techniques
- Active Assailant Response Training
- Recognizing the Signs and Symptoms of Mental Illness and Suicide Awareness
- CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Training

Many courses were offered through a Virtual Academy platform, which allowed the Sheriff's Office personnel to complete this self-paced training when scheduling allowed, resulting in less labor costs and conflicts.

The Training Unit facilitated four 10-week Corrections Academies, training 58 deputies for the Sheriff's Office and six out-county deputies for various other agencies.

Following the Corrections academies, 58 Oakland County deputies completed a 10-week Corrections Training Officer program. The Training Unit hosted three additional 96-hour re-entry/core Training Correctional Academies for 27 deputies who laterally hired into the Sheriff's Office from other agencies.



The Sheriff’s Office also did CPR/First Aid/AED Training for the entire agency which includes an online training program and practical training.

In addition to required in-service training, the Training Unit facilitated or sent hundreds of deputies to over 3,000 hours of MCOLES approved training classes.

The Sheriff’s Office was one of the first agencies in Michigan to train and deploy Naloxone (Narcan) to help limit heroin overdoses, with more than 500 deputies issued Naloxone to help fight the opiate epidemic. In 2022 Sheriff’s Office recorded 146 Naloxone deployments with 143 saves.

In 2022 the Training Unit Range Masters, assigned to the Sheriff’s Office indoor gun range, supervised over 6,000 appointments allowing deputies train and qualify with several issued weapons systems. That training and qualification consumed over 275,000 rounds of various ammunition types. In addition to those appointments, the following firearms training, and management was conducted:

- Inspection and maintenance of duty weapons to include approximately 1,200 Glock 17 firearms.
- Facilitated thousands of scenario-based training exercises using VirTra simulation training equipment.
- Three patrol rifle certification courses

Community Policing efforts and outreach programs continue to be an important part of the Training Unit philosophy. In 2022, the Training Unit conducted Civilian Active Assailant Response training for community members and received grant and county board of commissioner funding to support a community policing and education series. Topics included realistic de-escalation, implicit bias, response to resistance, mental health, and reform initiatives. The program breaks down the walls of isolation and defensiveness by encouraging law enforcement and citizens to have tough discussions, about tough topics, in a manner that allows for safe and orderly transmission of information and ideas.

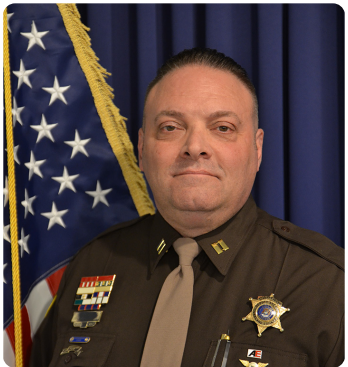
In 2022, the Training Unit trained over 9,051 people from schools, houses of worship, and non-profit organizations.



## TECHNOLOGY, INFORMATION, AND INNOVATION

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

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



*Captain/ Chief Technology Officer Steve Schneider*



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

## CLEAR/MICR COMPLIANCE

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

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

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

## RECORDS UNIT

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

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

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

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

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





## PUBLIC/GOVERNMENT OUTREACH

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

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

*Anthony Buffa, J.D.*

- **GRANT DETERMINATIONS/SAA REFORM:**

Law enforcement grants need to be determined by and distributed by a neutral third party or a panel to distribute grant funds fairly and equitably. A panel, for example, should have one member of the state police, one chief, and one sheriff, needing two votes for consensus.

- **OFFICE OF SHERIFF AND PROSECUTOR AS NON-PARTISAN:**

Public safety is a non-partisan issue and therefore, the Office of the Sheriff and Office of the Prosecutor should be made non-partisan to represent the needs of all citizens across Michigan like others in the criminal justice system such as judges, who also have incumbency designation.

- **SECONDARY ROAD PATROL (SRP) LONG-TERM SOLUTION:**

The SRP formula to fund deputies throughout the state of Michigan has been broken for many years. While one-time appropriations have been helpful, a long-term solution needs to be implemented to prevent dwindling funds. This fund should be restored to its historic level with permanent funding indexed to inflation.

- **POLICE AUTHORITY FOR ROAD CLOSURES IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Local police agencies should be able to make necessary road closures during events or any other critical incident where public safety is in the best interest for temporary closure – peaceful marches, large-scale events, acts of violence/terrorism, etc.

- **ARSON DEFINITION REVISION:**

In federal arson standards, arson is defined as 'the crime of maliciously and intentionally, or recklessly starting a fire or explosion.' Michigan law defines arson as 'a person who willfully or maliciously burns, damages, or destroys by fire or explosive.' Reckless is left out of the Michigan definition and makes arson prosecutions difficult in many cases.

- **NARCAN VENDING MACHINE LIABILITY FIX:**

In partnership with Wayne State University, the Oakland County Jail recently installed a Narcan vending machine, which provides free Narcan to inmates who are leaving. Under Michigan law, only doctors and certain pharmacies can dispense Narcan to the public, and only these entities are immune from liability for doing so. By contrast, law enforcement agencies, including jails, are not expressly authorized to dispense to the public yet, and the immunity we enjoy related to Narcan is only limited to administering it.

- **DELIVERY CAUSING DEATH REFORMS:**

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

- **REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER APPROPRIATION:**

Due to outdated infrastructure, security and safety concerns, and critical space constraints, it is important to physically consolidate the operations of the Sheriff's Office as well as the county's emergency



management center. We are working with state legislative leadership to secure state funding to go towards the construction of the facility.

• **SHERIFF PAL APPROPRIATION:**

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

# COMMUNITY SERVICES

**COMMUNITY LIAISON:** *Amanda Ford*

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



*Amanda Ford*

**ADOPT A VETERAN'S FAMILY**

For the past 11 years, the Sheriff's Office has provided gifts and support to a soldier's family in need around the holidays as part of Adopt a Veteran's Family. We are proud to assist these families, referred by Oakland County Veterans' Services, and give back to those who have given so much through their service to our country.

**ANGEL'S NIGHT FUN FEST**

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

**ATTENDANCE HEROES WITH UWM AND PONTIAC SCHOOLS**

The Sheriff's Office partners with United Wholesale Mortgage (UWM) and Pontiac Schools in order to encourage kids to strive for perfect attendance. UWM internally raises enough funds to purchase a new bicycle for any elementary-age student in the Pontiac School District who achieves perfect or near perfect attendance throughout the school year.



**BEARS ON PATROL**

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

**CADET PROGRAM**

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



**CHILD INTERNET SAFETY PROGRAM**

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

**'COATS FOR THE COLD' COAT DRIVE**

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



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**COFFEE WITH THE SHERIFF**

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



COMMUNITY PARADES

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

COPS-N-CRIBS

The Sheriff’s Office, with the Oakland County Health Division, announced the COPS-N-CRIBS program in 2015, to provide free, portable cribs to families so they could provide a safe sleep environment for an infant. Nationally, approximately 2,300 infants die annually from Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID) causes. It is estimated that half of these deaths result from unsafe sleeping environments, such as soft bedding, sharing beds, or sleeping in accident prone positions. Sleep-related causes of infant death can be prevented by following safe sleep guidelines. Providing a crib to a family who needs one may save an infant’s life. The Sheriff’s Office is a partner with the national Cribs for Kids organization and purchases cribs at a reduced price. In 2022, Cops-N-Cribs partnered with Christ Church Cranbrook to distribute more than 40 cribs to expectant mothers at the Sheriff’s Pontiac Substation.



FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING FOR OAKLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Sheriff’s Office has teamed up with local document shredding companies since 2004 to offer free confidential document shredding to residents. The Sheriff’s Office partners with Oakland County Parks and Vibe Credit Union to make this important service accessible to all Oakland County residents. More than 600 cars participated at three sessions held at the Oakland County Farmers Market and other parks locations in Oakland County.

LOCK-IT-UP OAKLAND

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

MEDICALLY ASSISTED TREATMENT

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

MANDY’S PLACE PROJECT

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

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET™

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



RIDES TO RECOVERY

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

SENIOR CELL PHONE PROGRAM

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



## SHERIFF PAL PROGRAM

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



## SHERIFF'S RE-CYCLE FOR KIDS PROGRAM

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

## SHOP WITH A COP

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



## SOAK N' SUMMER

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



## STOPPED PROGRAM — Sheriffs Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers

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

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

Student of the Month incentivizes students to excel in their studies. While serving as the Chairman of the Education Committee in the Michigan State Senate, Sheriff Bouchard started this program to recognize academic achievement. The Sheriff's Office partners with the Detroit Pistons to offer free game tickets to honorees with the purchase of an adult ticket. Hundreds of Oakland County schools and thousands of students have enjoyed this program over the years.

## TREATS FOR TROOPS

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





## U-TURN PROGRAM

The U-Turn program is a partnership between Oakland County Youth Assistance and the Sheriff's Office to educate youth and their parents about the consequences of crime and the realities of prison life. The program reinforces the value of staying in school, abstaining from drugs and alcohol, and making wise choices regarding peers, employment, and parental involvement. This reduces youth's chances of having further contact with the juvenile justice system. Modeled after the "Scared Straight" program, U-Turn provides youth and their parents with an opportunity to tour the Oakland County jail and facilities. The program also has the children speak face-to-face with Deputies and selected inmates concerning the repercussions of their behavior.

## VARIETY FEEDS KIDS WITH THE OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Sheriff's Office, Variety Feeds Kids, and Meijer Stores formed a partnership in 2014 to feed thousands of children who are on the free and reduced lunch program in the Pontiac school district. The Sheriff's Office and Variety Feeds Kids distribute close to 1,600 meals weekly to children at four Pontiac elementary schools: Alcott, Herrington, Whitman, and ITA (International Technology Academy). The goal is to grow the program to provide meals at every elementary school in the district. In 2020, when schools moved to a virtual environment, Variety Feeds Kids provided meal services to families with young children through a pick-up program.



## WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE COURSES

The Sheriff's Office has been conducting free women's self-defense classes for 12 years. The classes are popular, and efforts are being made to schedule additional classes to educate women of all ages in ways to protect themselves. In 2021, more than 1,000 women were trained during 14 classes, which are conducted by well-trained Sheriff's Office female instructors.



## RETIREMENTS

The Sheriff's Office honors and thanks the employees listed below who served the county with distinction and retired from full-time service in 2022. They are listed alphabetically.

|                     |                          |        |       |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| Austin, Mark        | Work Projects Supervisor | 27 yrs | 3 mo  |
| Eddy, Scott         | Deputy II                | 19 yrs | 6 mo  |
| Ford, Robert        | Lieutenant               | 10 yrs | 6 mo  |
| Hanselman II, Craig | Deputy II                | 24 yrs | 11 mo |
| Jacobson, John      | Sergeant                 | 25 yrs |       |
| Kershaw, Ian        | Deputy II                | 10 yrs | 10 mo |
| Louwaert, Jason     | Deputy II                | 25 yrs | 8 mo  |
| Miller, Robert      | Sergeant                 | 10 yrs | 5 mo  |
| Roivas, Kevin       | Corrections Deputy II    | 27 yrs | 6 mo  |
| Tarp, Randy         | Deputy II                | 26 yrs |       |
| Teague, Bradley     | Deputy II                | 35 yrs | 8 mo  |
| Troy, Steven        | Lieutenant               | 10 yrs | 10 mo |
| Tuttle, Dana        | Corrections Deputy II    | 25 yrs | 3 mo  |





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