

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



DUSTIN D. HEUERMAN, SHERIFF

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LETTER FROM THE SHERIFF

2020 – wow what a year! The challenges we faced in 2020 forced the Sheriff's Office to look at our processes and adapt them to our surroundings. As we started to see COVID-19 approaching our county, I was proud to be part of the leadership team driving the county-wide response through the Champaign County Emergency Operations Center. Like we have so many times before, and in true Champaign County fashion, I believe decisions made during those initial stages set our county up for success with some of the issues we would face in the future, including helping our first responders continue providing crucial services to our county during the height of the pandemic.



Early processes put into place by Corrections leadership staff helped to reduce the number of arrestees coming to the jail, as well as put a quarantine process in place for arrestees who did come to the jail. We could not have done this without collaboration with the other local law enforcement agencies and the State's Attorney's office. While we did see some arrestees come to the jail with COVID-19, these early processes accomplished their goal of keeping the virus from affecting the general jail population.

Events nationwide also led to multiple demonstrations throughout Champaign County in 2020. One protest was held at the Champaign County Courthouse and consisted of more than 1,500 participants. Unlike so many other protests nationwide that turned violent, I am proud of the Sheriff's Office's ability to work with protest organizers to facilitate a peaceful protest that allowed important viewpoints to be heard in a nonconfrontational environment that also ensured the safety of people and property. To me, this is true police-community collaboration.

This past year we were able to implement a new jail management system to help our jail operations be more efficient and effective while increasing our transparency through data. We also updated several pieces of crucial equipment in 2020. We upgraded our body cameras and added in-car cameras for each patrol vehicle. We also updated our Tasers for a more reliable less-than-lethal option to use when needed. While COVID-19 affected training, and generally how we interacted with each other and the public, we were still able to increase scenario-based training, de-escalation training, and implicit bias training.

While 2020 was challenging, it allowed us an opportunity to look at our processes and evaluate if the way we've been doing things is the most appropriate way of doing things. While the Sheriff's Office was not able to do everything we planned to do in 2020 when the year started, we were able to lay the foundation for many things in which to build in the future.

As we start 2021, I look forward to working with each of you and collaborating on how the Sheriff's Office can serve you, and Champaign County as a whole, to the best of our abilities. I look forward to having cordial and important conversations so diverse views can be expressed and perspectives can be seen from all sides. Together, we can help ensure an ethical and fair criminal justice system that also provides for public safety. I look forward to the challenging times that come ahead and working with you to make our organization better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dustin D. Heuerman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dustin D. Heuerman
Champaign County Sheriff

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IN MEMORIAM



Deputy Taylor Briggs
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On June 25, 2020, Deputy Taylor Briggs passed away unexpectedly from a medical issue. He was off duty at the time.

Deputy Briggs was 22 years old and had worked for the Sheriff's Office since September of 2019. While only a Deputy for a short amount of time, Deputy Briggs was a true public servant, was compassionate, and always had the best interests of Champaign County residents at heart. He will be greatly missed.

"Friendship transcends death. Memories made will never be forgotten and created a lasting impression on those you left behind. Everyone became a better person for knowing such a wonderful friend."

MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Mission

It is the mission of the Champaign County Sheriff's Office to provide a high level of professional and ethical service to all people living in and visiting Champaign County without bias or discrimination; to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Illinois; to exceed state, federal and industry standards; and to collaborate with community stakeholders to accomplish community initiatives and combat community-identified problems.

Law Enforcement Division Objectives

- To serve all residents and visitors of Champaign County equally without bias or discrimination.
- To be as transparent as possible to the communities we serve.
- To use technology and data to provide the most efficient, effective and professional service possible.
- To collaborate with other local departments and community organizations to meet common goals.
- To hire and retain professional, ethical and diverse employees.

Corrections Division Objectives

- Provide a safe & secure environment adequate for meeting inmate needs within the correctional center without bias or discrimination.
- Use technology to more efficiently and accurately process and evaluate inmates upon intake.
- Adequately address the needs of an increasingly "special population" of inmates.
- Collaborate with relevant stakeholders in pursuit of alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders.
- Partner with community organizations to develop programs to help reduce recidivism upon release.
- To hire and retain professional, ethical, and diverse employees.



ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM



Dustin D. Heuerman, Sheriff

Originally from Effingham County, Sheriff Heuerman started his career as a Deputy Sheriff in 2005 with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and has lived in Champaign County since 2008 when he took a position as a Deputy Sheriff with the Champaign County Sheriff's Office. Prior to being elected Sheriff in 2018, he was a college professor overseeing the criminal justice program at Lake Land College.

Sheriff Heuerman has experience in private security, 911 telecommunications, plain-clothes narcotics investigations, uniformed patrol, and administration.

Sheriff Heuerman has an Associate of Arts in criminal justice from Lake Land College, a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in criminology from Indiana State University, and a Doctor of Education in community college leadership from Ferris State University.



Shannon Barrett, Chief Deputy

Chief Deputy Barrett started her service to Champaign County as a Probation Officer. She served in that role for 6 years, and then as a police officer for the City of Urbana for 15 years. In 2018, she became the Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Office when Sheriff Heuerman took office. In her position, she supports the Sheriff in an administrative role and is responsible for providing leadership and oversight to all divisions of the Sheriff's Office.

Chief Deputy Barrett has a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from the University of Illinois at Springfield.



Teresa Schlein, Executive Assistant to the Sheriff

Born and raised in Champaign County, Teresa started with the Sheriff's Office in 1989 and has served four Sheriffs – Sheriff Brown, Sheriff Madigan, Sheriff Walsh, and Sheriff Heuerman. In addition to keeping the Sheriff organized, Teresa is involved with assisting the Sheriff in budget preparation and managing human resource issues, among other duties. If you've ever called to speak with the Sheriff, chances are good you have spoken with Teresa first!

Teresa has an associate degree from Parkland College.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERSHIP



Shane Cook, Captain

Captain Shane Cook currently serves as the Law Enforcement Captain. In this role, he is responsible for providing leadership and direction to Law Enforcement, Investigations, Court Security and Records. Captain Cook served in the US Army for 8 years prior to joining law enforcement for the Rantoul Police Department in 1999. He came to the Sheriff's Office in 2004 and has served a variety of leadership roles since then, including METRO SWAT member, Investigator, Patrol Sergeant, Administrative Services Lieutenant, Jail Superintendent, and a variety of training instructor roles.

Captain Cook graduated from the FBI National Academy in March of 2017.



Tony Shaw, Patrol Lieutenant

Lt. Shaw currently serves as the Patrol Commander. He started in corrections in 1996 and moved to patrol in 1999. In addition to Patrol Lieutenant, Lt. Shaw has served in several leadership positions while at the Sheriff's Office, including Street Crimes Unit member, Investigator, Patrol Sergeant, Investigations Sergeant and Lieutenant of Administrative Services.

Lt. Shaw has a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice sciences from Illinois State University.



Curt Apperson, Investigations Lieutenant

Lt. Apperson currently serves as the Investigations Lieutenant. He also oversees the Court Security Division. He started in Master Control in 1992 before moving to patrol in 1995. In addition to Investigations Lieutenant, Lt. Apperson has served in several leadership positions while at the Sheriff's Office, including Illinois State Police Drug Task Force, Investigations, Patrol Sergeant and Street Crimes Unit Sergeant.

Lt. Apperson has an associate degree from Parkland College.



Dave Sherrick, Administrative Services Lieutenant

Lt. Sherrick currently serves as the Administrative Services Lieutenant, which includes providing oversight to records, civil process, and special projects. He started in corrections in 1999 before moving to patrol in 2000. In addition to Administrative Services Lieutenant, Lt. Sherrick has served in several leadership roles while at the Sheriff's Office, including Investigations, FBI Safe Streets Task Force member, Investigations Sergeant and Patrol Sergeant. In his free time, he serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club.

Lt. Sherrick has a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Illinois State University.

CORRECTIONS LEADERSHIP



Karee Voges, Captain/Jail Superintendent

Captain Karee Voges currently serves as the Corrections Captain and Jail Superintendent. In this role, she is responsible for providing leadership and direction to the Corrections Division. Captain Voges started at the Sheriff's Office in 2003 as a Master Control Officer. She became a Correctional Officer in 2006, was promoted to Sergeant over field training in 2011, to Lieutenant of Operation in 2013, and to Captain and Jail Superintendent in 2014.

Captain Voges has an associate degree from Parkland College and is a Certified Jail Administrator through the National Institute of Corrections.



Ryan Snyder, Support Services Lieutenant

Lt. Snyder currently serves as the Support Services Lieutenant for the jails, which includes oversight of the jail management system, phone and visitation systems, FOIA requests, inmate grievances and officer training. Lt. Snyder started with the Sheriff's Office as a Master Control Operator in 2006. He became a Correctional Officer in 2008, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2013, and to Lieutenant in 2015. Prior to becoming the Support Services Lieutenant, Lt. Snyder served as the Operations Lieutenant. Lt. Snyder has been instrumental in implementation of a new jail management system and in COVID-19 mitigation strategies.



Jenna Good, Classification Lieutenant

Lt. Good currently serves as the Classification Lieutenant for the jails, which includes providing oversight for the safety and security of the facility, staff, and inmates by appropriately reviewing each inmate who comes to the jail for placement within the facility. She also oversees inmate discipline. Lt. Good started in 2006 as a Master Control Officer before becoming a Correctional Officer. She was promoted to Sergeant in 2012 and to Lieutenant in 2013.

Lt. Good has an associate degree from Danville Area Community College and a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University.

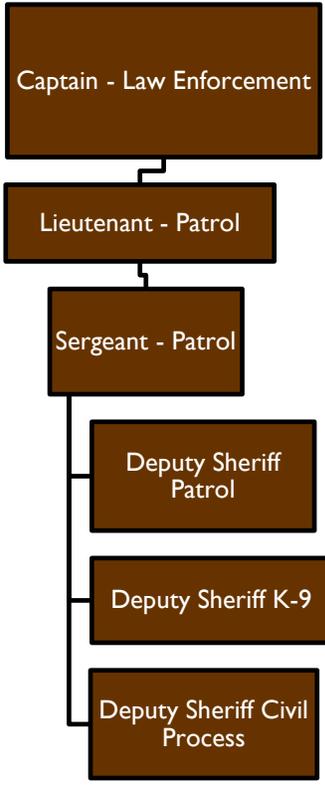


Josh Sapp, Operations Lieutenant

Lt. Sapp currently serves as the Operations Lieutenant for the jails, which includes providing oversight to daily jail operations. He served 4.5 years as a Correctional Officer followed by 8.5 years as a Sergeant. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2020.

Lt. Sapp has a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement Justice Administration and a minor in Fire Administration from Western Illinois University.

PATROL DIVISION



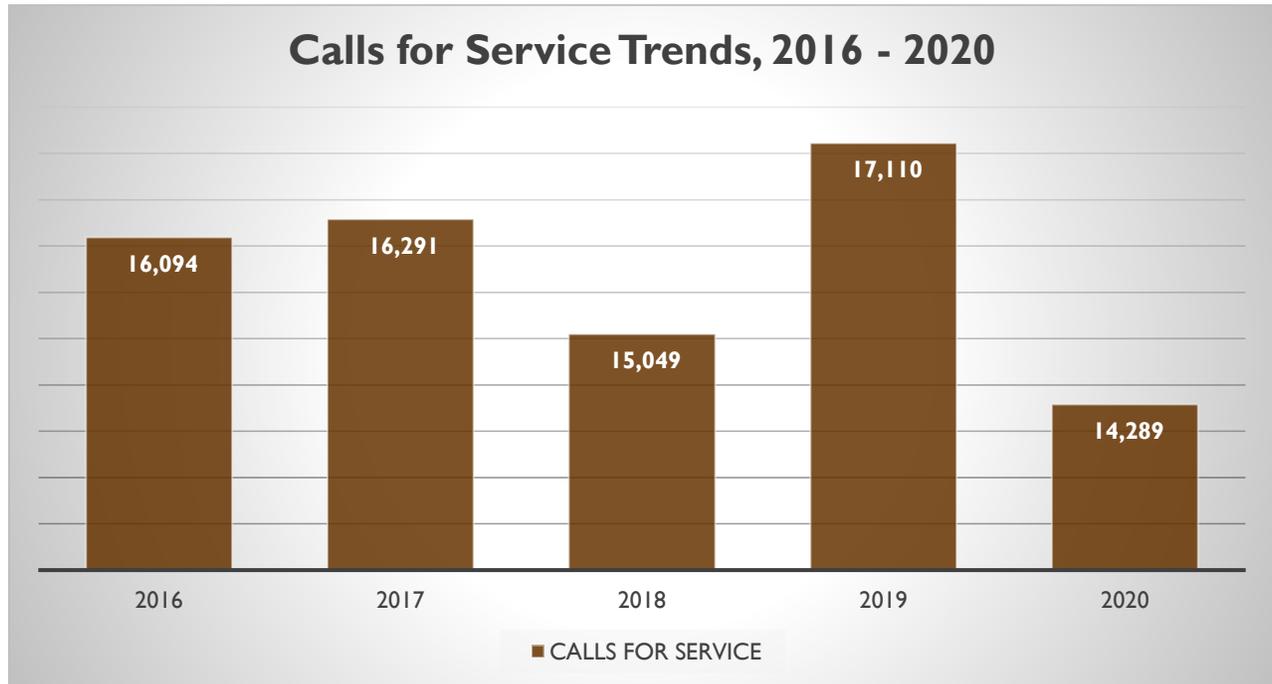
Under the leadership of Lt. Tony Shaw, the Patrol Division is responsible for providing law enforcement services to Champaign County. We serve as the primary law enforcement agency for approximately 50,000 residents in unincorporated areas of the county. We also contract with several villages in Champaign County for patrol services.

As deputy sheriffs have jurisdiction county-wide, we also provide assistance to other police departments in the county when requested. The Patrol Division is made up of four teams that work 12 hours each. There are 8 shift Sergeants (2 Sergeants on each shift) and 30 patrol deputies. Deputies respond to emergency and nonemergency calls for service in their assigned beats, conduct proactive activities like foot patrol and traffic stops, and are frequently engaged in community-based activities and events. The Patrol Division is also responsible for civil process service and K-9 deputies.



Patrol Statistics

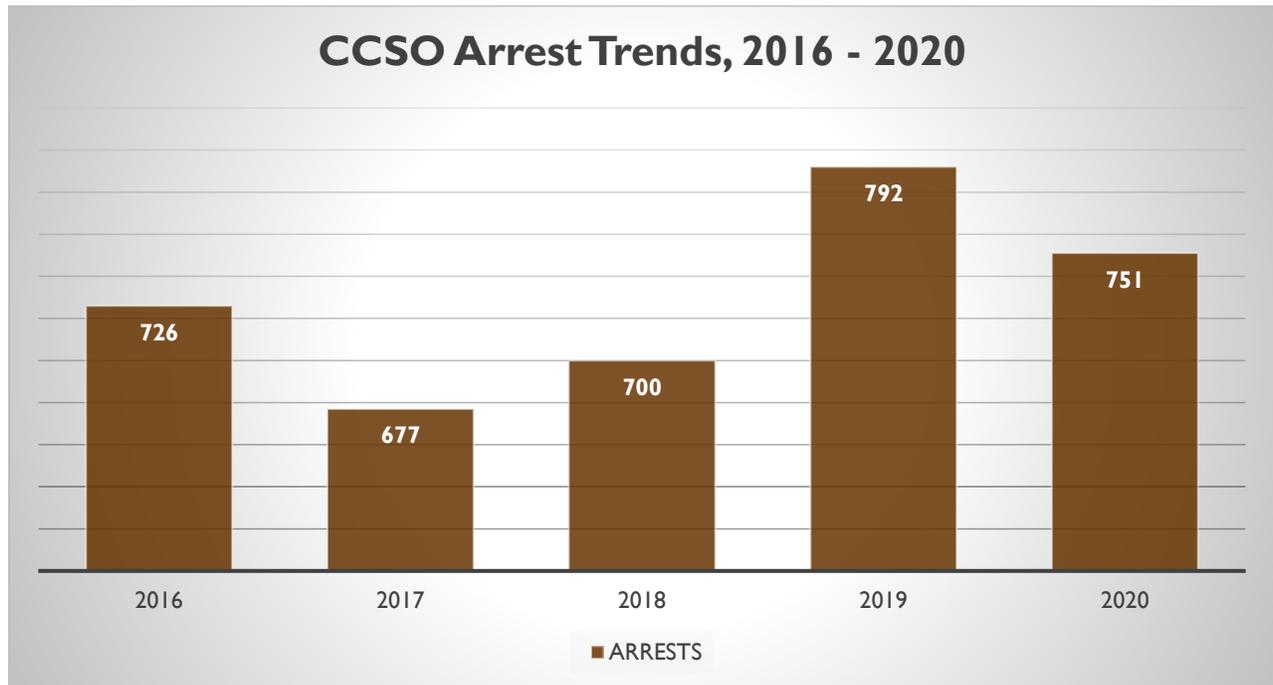
The Sheriff's Office saw a decrease in calls for service in 2020.



** Unlike last year's report, these statistics do not include civil process service or traffic stops. Those statistics are illustrated in separate sections of this report. As a result, statistics from previous reports may have changed to provide an accurate comparison.*

Of the 14,289 calls for service, the following reasons topped the list:

- Residential/Business Alarm (7%)
- Report of Domestic Altercation (verbal or physical) (5%)
- Check Welfare (5%)
- Meet Complainant (various reasons) (5%)



**Sources on arrests changed from last year's report. As a result, statistics from previous reports may have changed to provide an accurate comparison.*

Of the 751 arrests, the following charges topped the list:

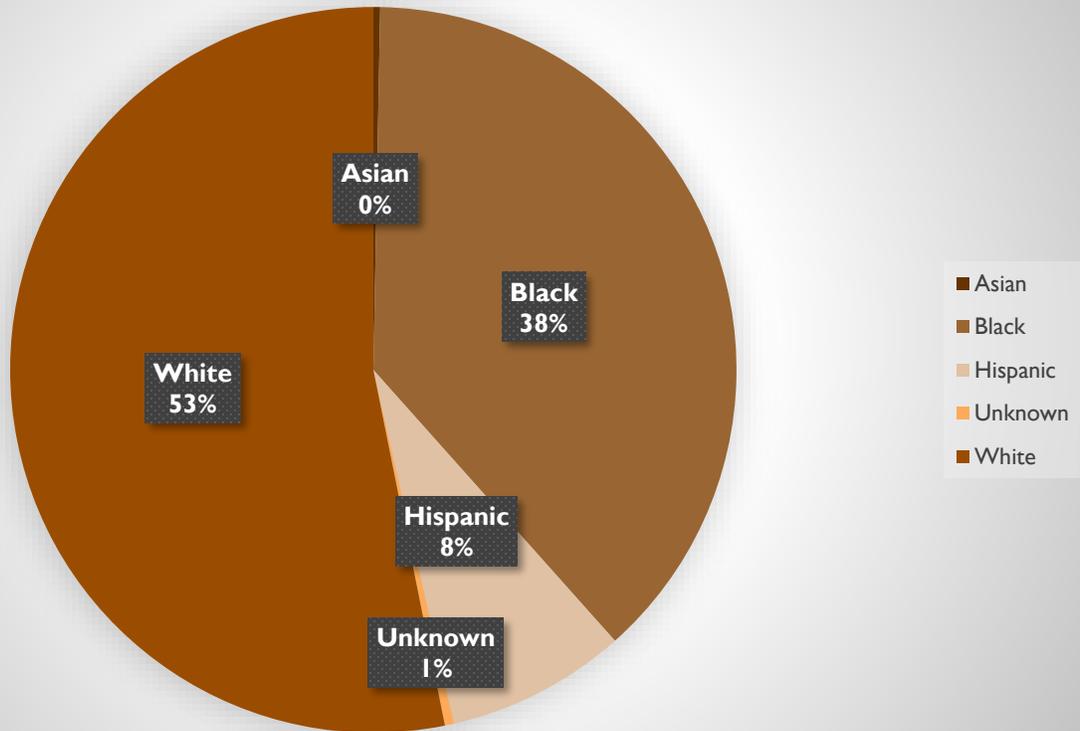
- Arrest on Warrant (24%)
- Domestic Battery (15%)
- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs (7%)
- Driving with a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License (5%)

(NOTE: Many arrestees are charged with multiple offenses, so these might not be the sole reason for arrest.)

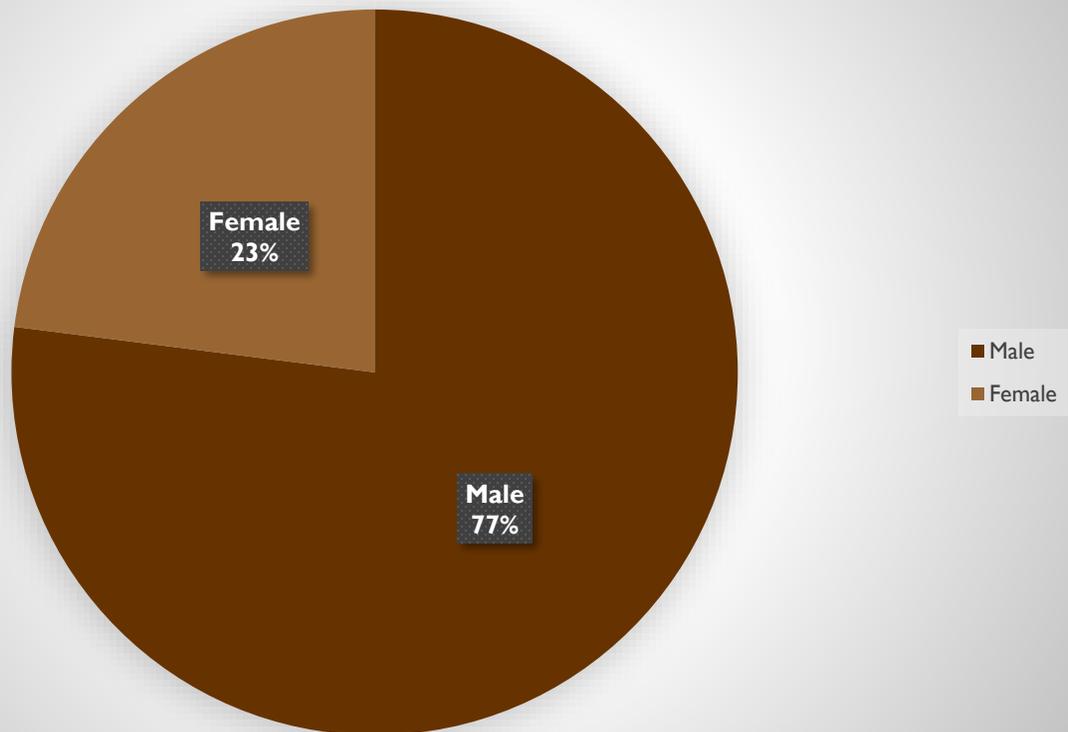
CCSO Deputies also issued 613 Notices to Appear in lieu of making a physical arrest. Of these, the following charges topped the list:

- Driving with a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License (17%)
- No Valid Driver's License (10%)
- In-state warrant (5%) *(due to COVID-19)*
- Illegal Transportation of Cannabis (3%)

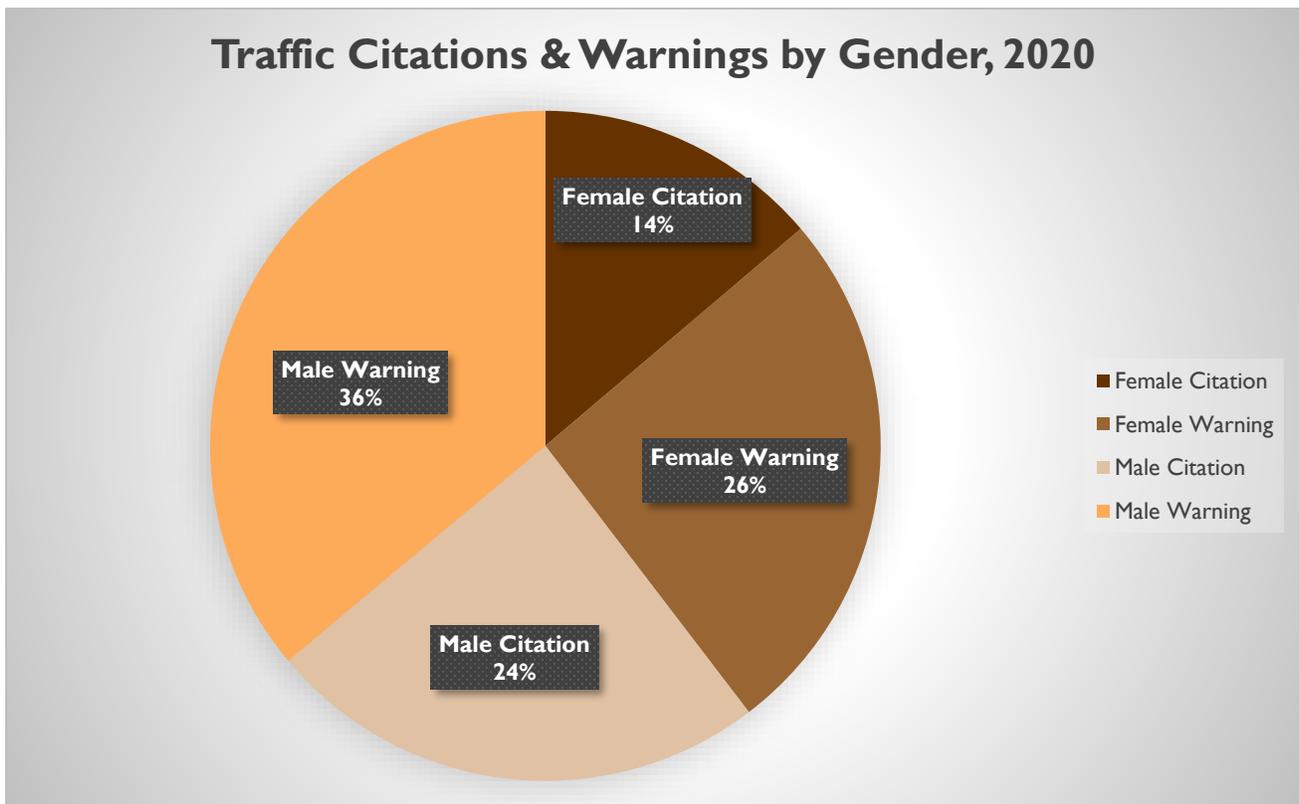
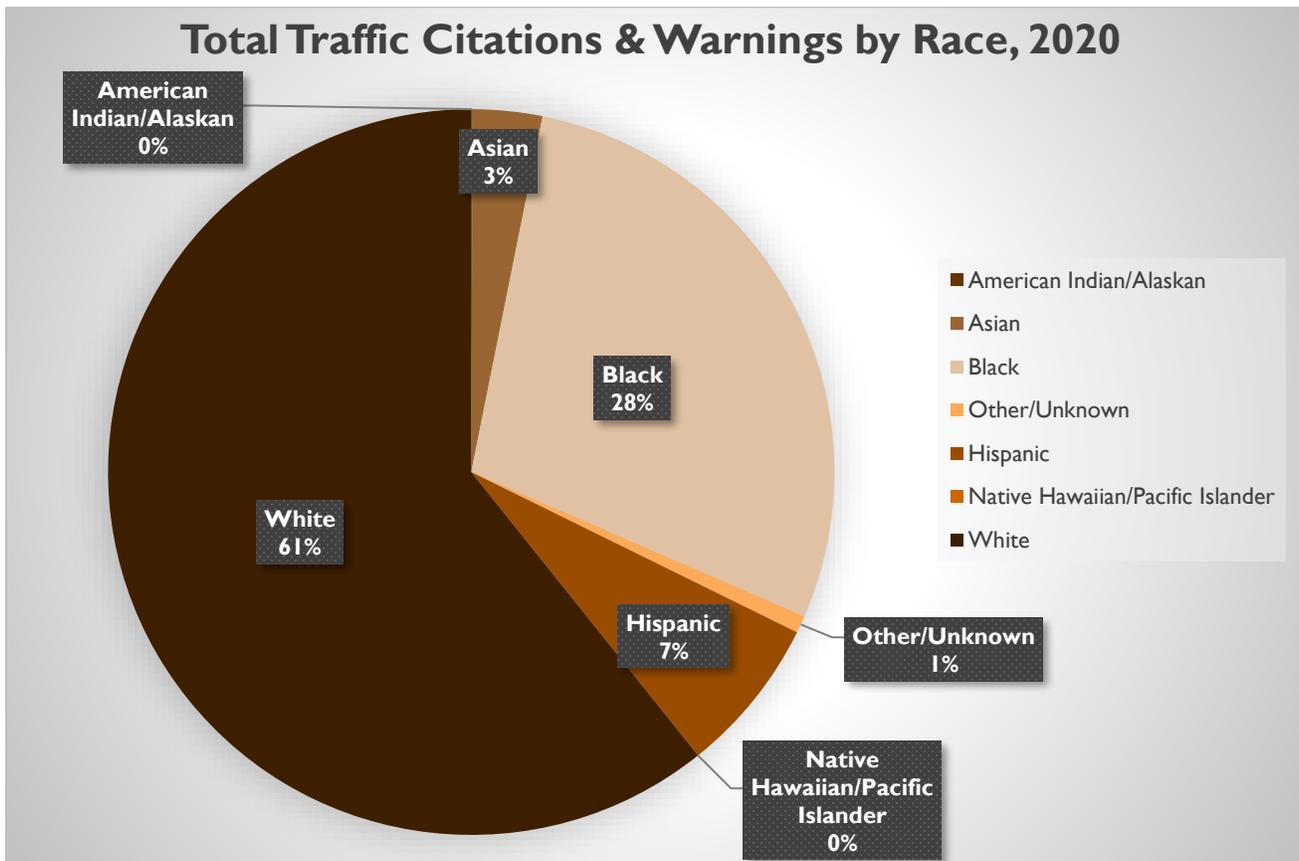
CCSO Arrests by Race, 2020



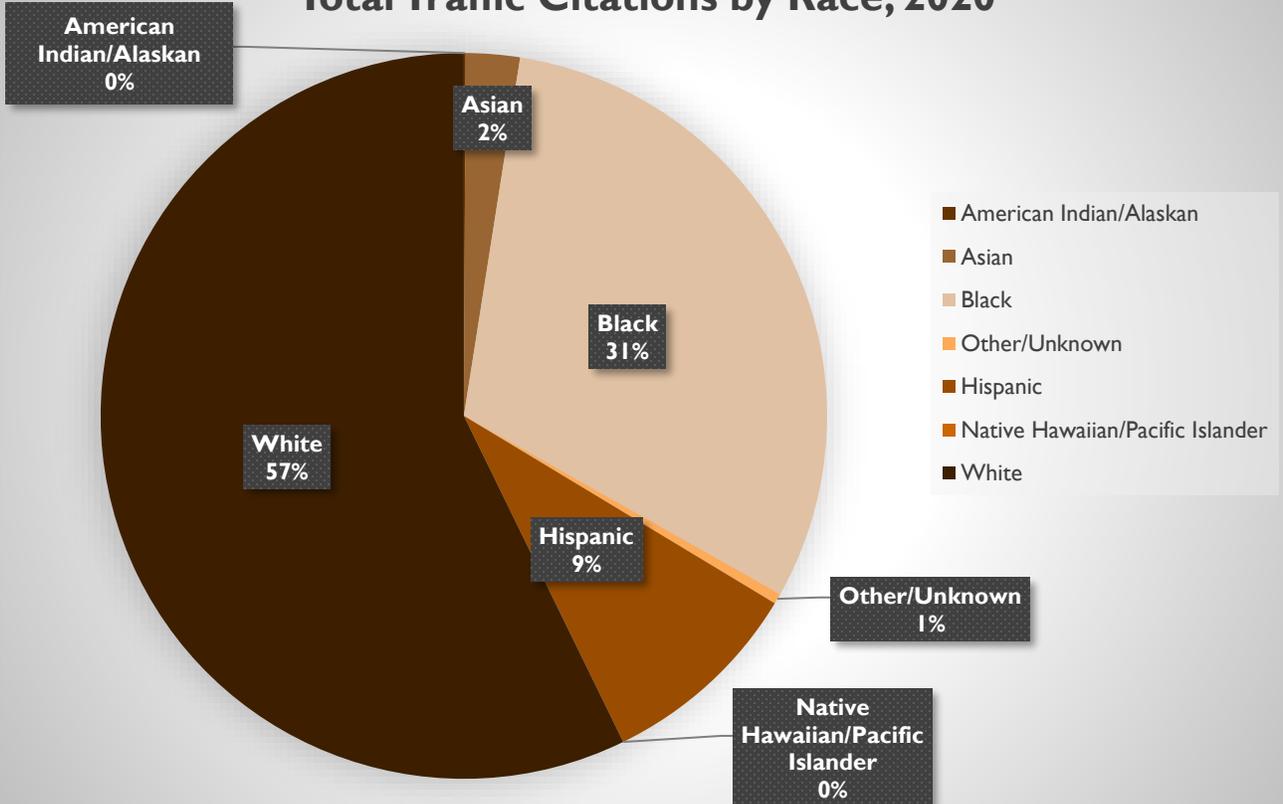
CCSO Arrests by Gender, 2020



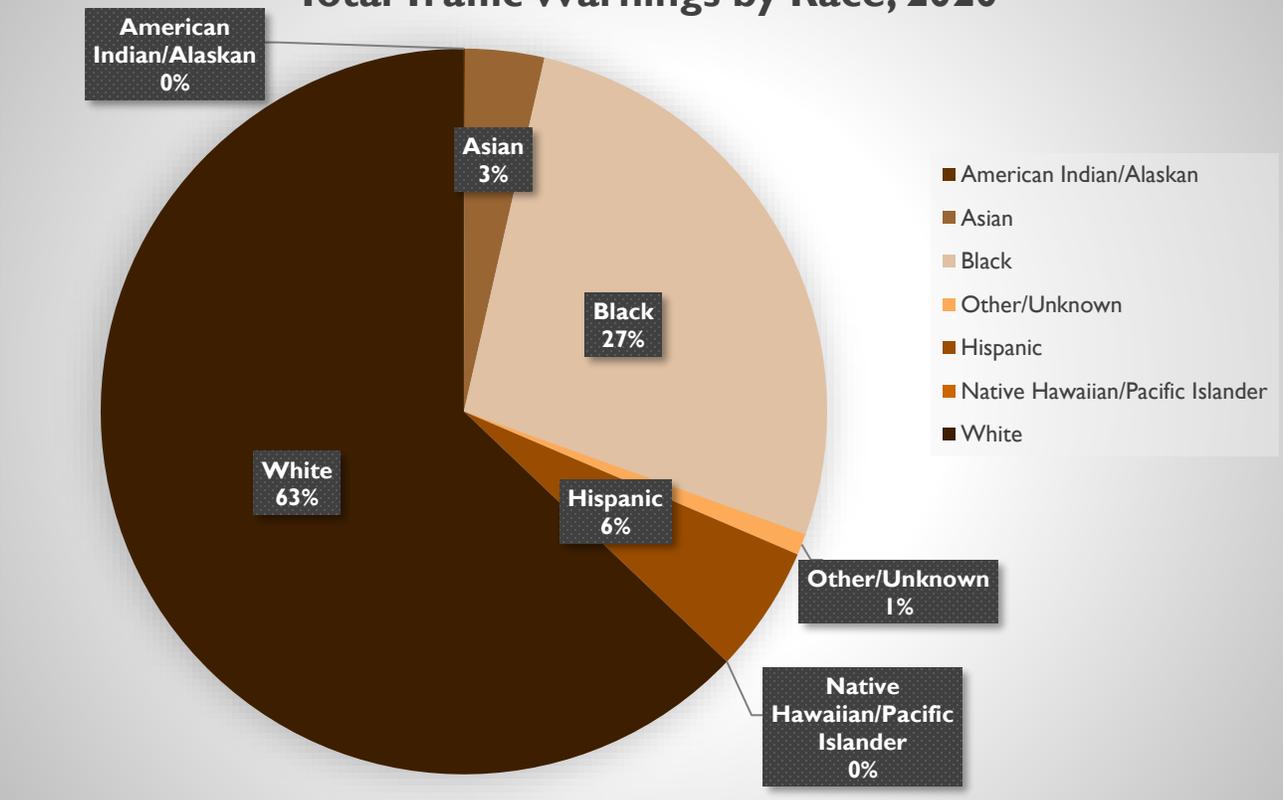
Sheriff's deputies also issued 1,811 traffic citations and 2,141 traffic warnings in 2020.



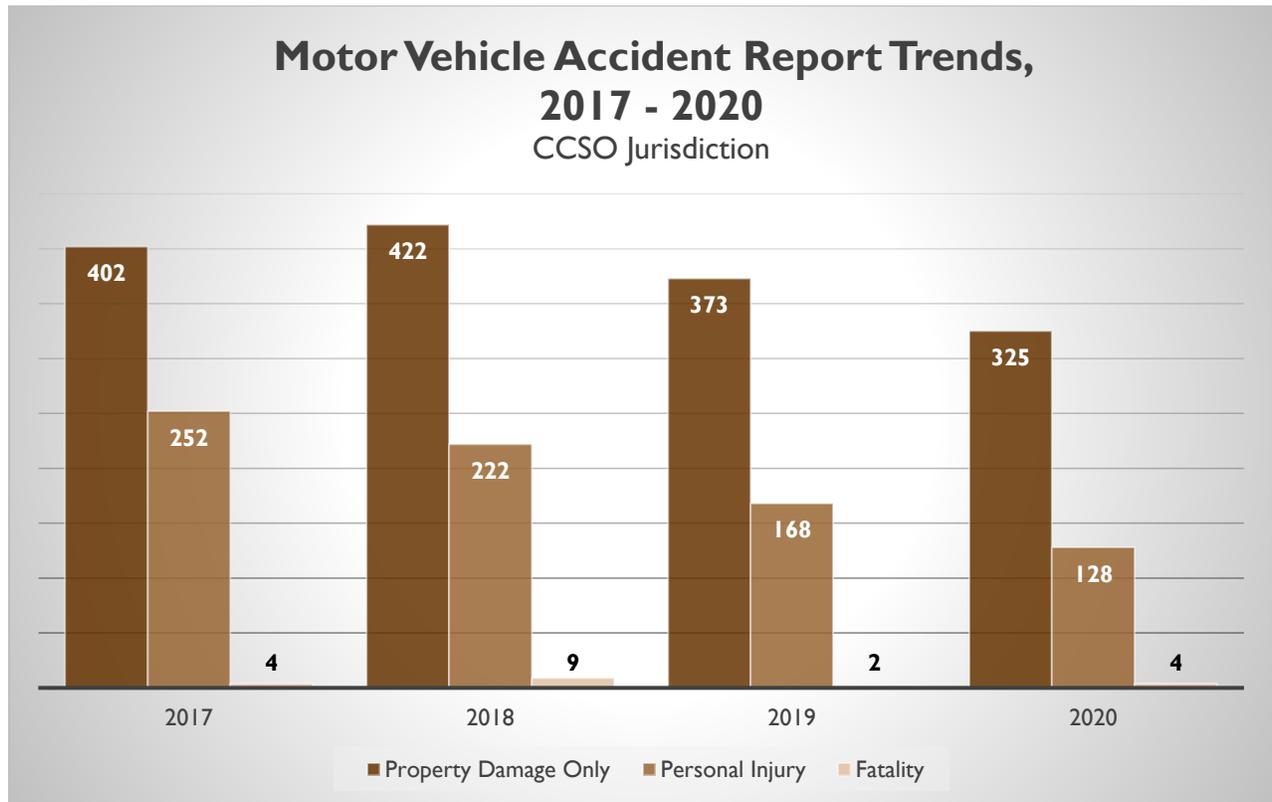
Total Traffic Citations by Race, 2020



Total Traffic Warnings by Race, 2020



In 2020, Sheriff's deputies responded to 457 motor vehicle accidents on roadways within the county where CCSO is the primary law enforcement agency. Accidents on State routes, U.S. routes and Interstates are routinely handled by the Illinois State Police, therefore would not be counted in this number even if CCSO assisted with the accident. CCSO also does not generally investigate motor vehicle accidents that occur within the city limits of Champaign, Urbana, Mahomet or Rantoul unless extenuating circumstances exist.



Civil Process

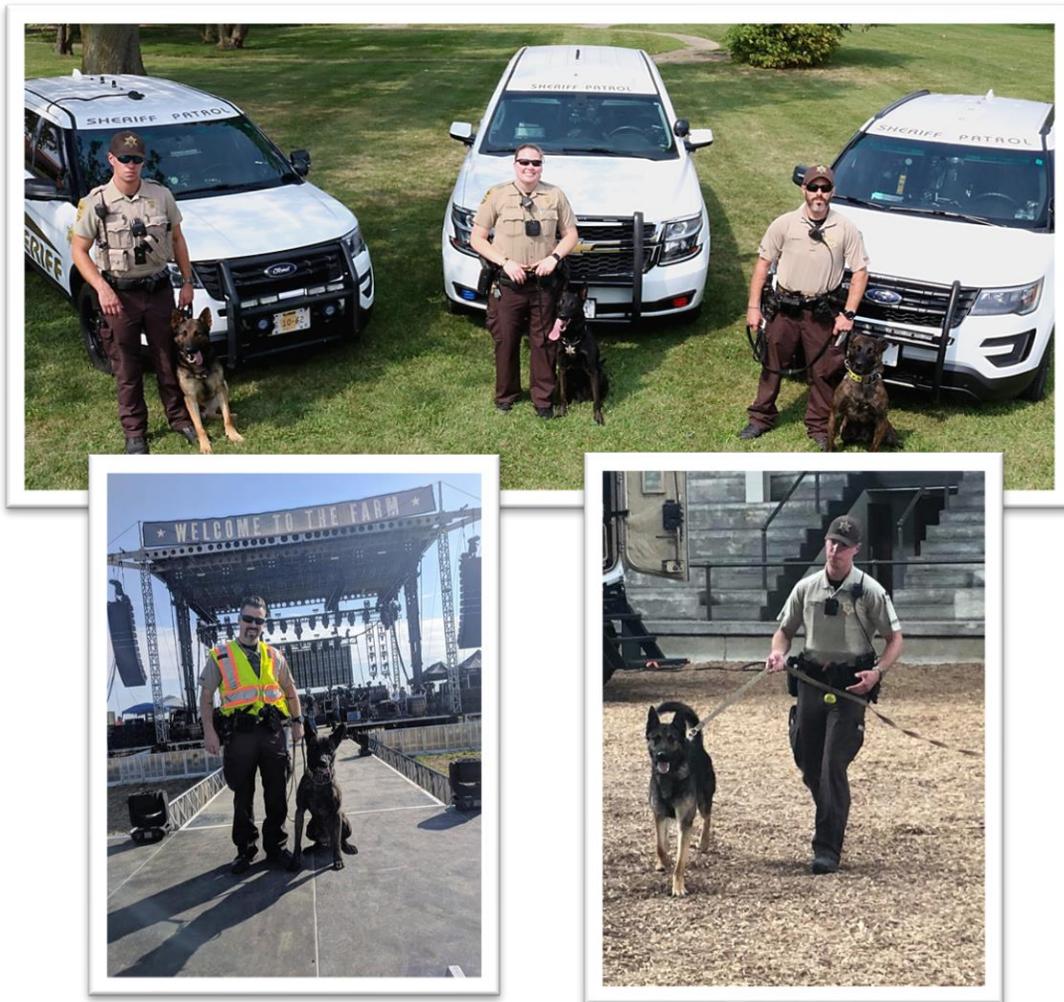
One unique function of the Sheriff's Office is civil paper service. The Sheriff's Office has two full-time Civil Process Servers, who are also sworn deputies, responsible for serving all civil papers in Champaign County. These might include orders of protection, eviction notices or summonses to appear in court.

In 2020, deputies in Champaign County served 3,662 civil papers and attempted service 3,388 times.

K-9 Patrol Deputies

The patrol division has three K-9 deputies. These canine assets are routinely used for locating illicit contraband and tracking for missing persons. There is one K-9 on day shift and one K-9 on each of the night shifts.

In 2020, the Sheriff's Office K-9 team used the K-9s 78 times for various tasks such as detecting controlled substances, searching for missing people, tracking suspects who had fled a crime scene and searching for firearms that had been discarded. As a result, 120.4 grams of marijuana were seized, 7.8 grams of cocaine were seized, 5.9 grams of methamphetamine were seized, 5.7 grams of heroin were seized, and three discarded handguns were located.



Personnel Changes

In 2020, CCSO had several personnel changes. Congratulations to Deputy Alicia Maxey and Deputy Stacey Corray for entering retirement!



Sheriff Heuerman also swore-in six new patrol deputies in 2020: two lateral deputies with experience at other agencies, one deputy from the Corrections Division, and three deputies who are getting their start at CCSO. Once hired, deputies go through a rigorous field training process that lasts for months. New deputies are also required to attend a 14-week, certified police academy before starting their field training. A variety of topics are covered, including Illinois law, community policing, combating implicit bias, effective communication/de-escalation techniques and control tactics, among others. It takes approximately eight months and \$40,000 to get a new deputy ready for solo patrol.



Deputy of the Year

Investigator Brad Wakefield was the Sheriff's Office's Deputy of the Year. Brad was recognized for his extraordinary efforts and dedication to investigating and solving crimes that occur in Champaign County.



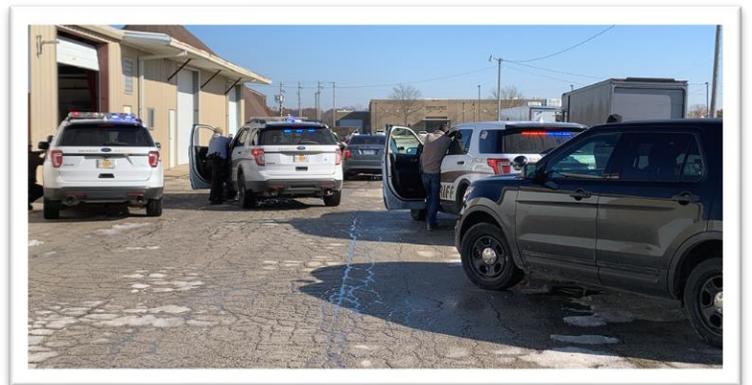
Training

In addition to initial law enforcement academy training, each deputy is required by law to complete reoccurring, mandated training in various topics, including:

Use of force updates
Law updates
Firearms qualifications/refresher
Taser qualifications
Civil rights
Constitutional & proper use of authority
Cultural competency
Human rights
Procedural justice
Mental health awareness
Sexual assault
Officer wellness
Reporting of child abuse/neglect
Psychology of domestic violence

The Sheriff's Office has also invested in training beyond what is mandated by law. Some of this training includes:

- De-escalation scenario training
- Recognizing implicit bias
- Traffic stop scenario training
- Firearms simulator training
- Control tactics
- Crisis intervention training
- Leadership training for supervisors

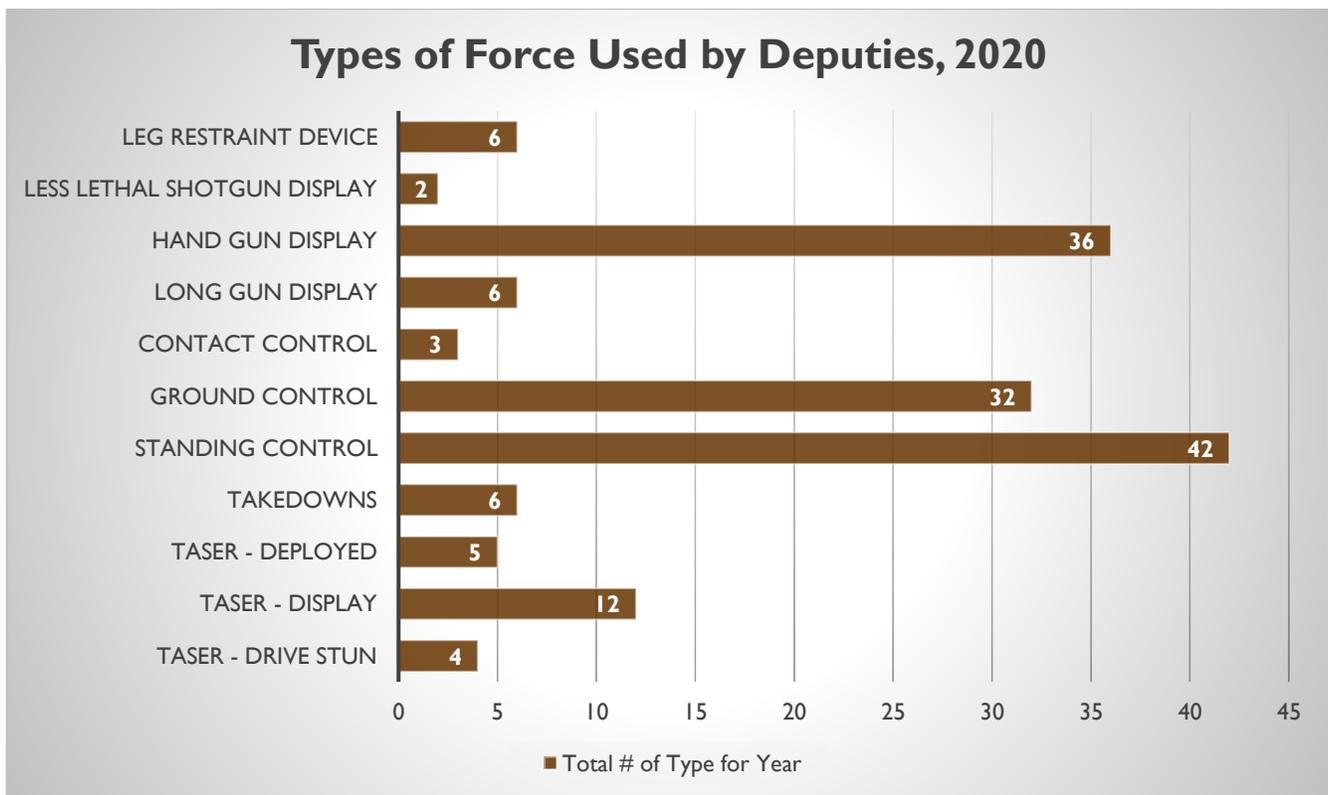


Deputies serving in specialty positions (CSI, Investigations, K-9, School Resource Officer, etc.) receive additional training to be proficient in their responsibilities.

Use of Force

Of the 21,441 calls for service, traffic stops and paper services handled by deputies in 2020, there were 96 incidents (0.45%) that required what would be considered a “use of force” above that which is usually needed during an incident or arrest. As you can see, not all of these involve physical contact between the deputy and another person. The most common reasons for increased show/use of force are due to a high safety risk during an incident or because of a person resisting arrest.

The below graph shows the use of force that was used in these incidents. More than one type of use of force may have been used in a single incident.



Of these 96 incidents, 11 (11%) resulted in either a reported injury or minor injury to either the deputy or the suspect. No significant injury or death occurred.

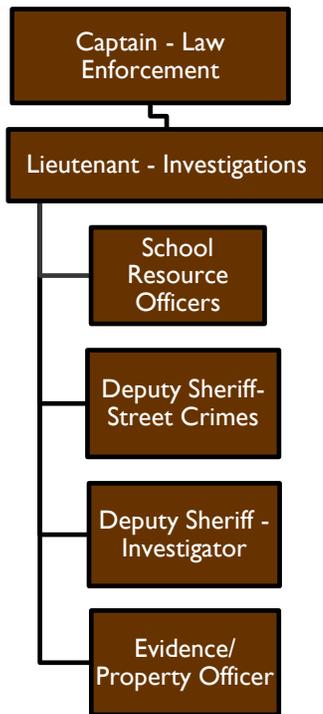
Deputy – Minor Injury, Apparent – 3 (3%)

Deputy – Injury reported, Not evident – 2 (2%)

Suspect – Minor Injury, Apparent – 6 (6%)

Suspect – Injury reported, Not evident – 0 (0%)

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

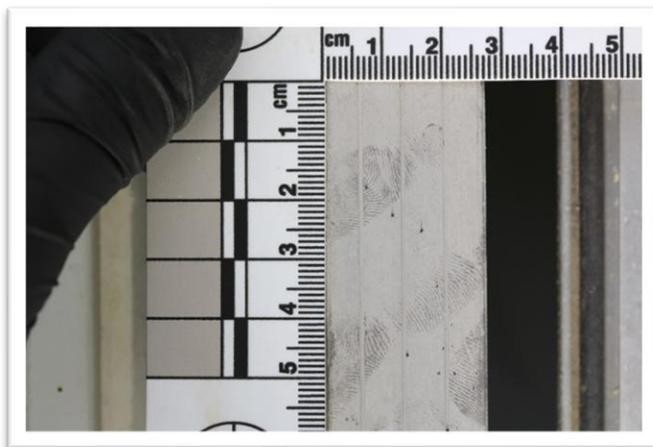


Under the leadership of Lt. Curt Apperson, the Investigations Division is responsible for the investigation of a variety of crimes that occur in areas of the county where the Sheriff's Office serves as the primary police agency. They also provide support to other local departments upon request. The Investigations Division has five full time Investigators and an Evidence/Property Officer.

In addition to criminal investigators, the Sheriff's Office also has a deputy assigned to the Street Crimes Task Force, which is a multijurisdictional task force with Urbana Police Department, Champaign Police Department and University of Illinois Police Department. One of the major priorities of this task force is to work toward reducing violent crime in Champaign County.

Crime Scene Investigations

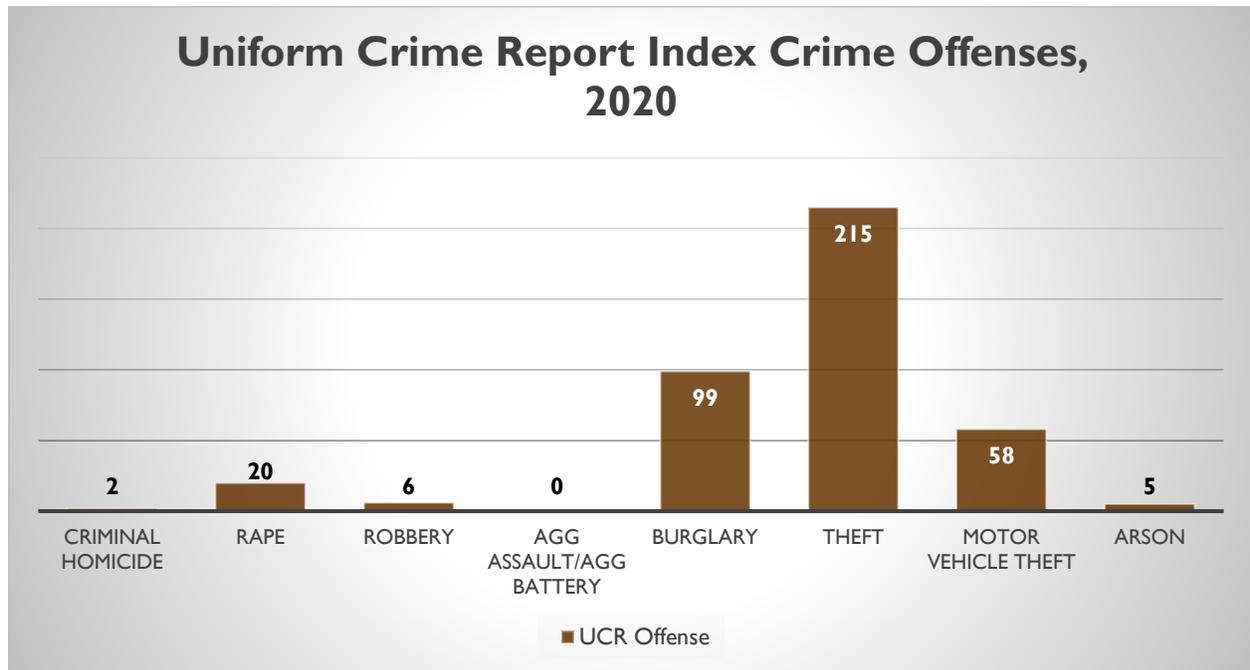
Five deputies from the Investigations and Patrol Divisions also have specialized training as Crime Scene Investigators and are utilized to collect evidence from crime scenes when needed.



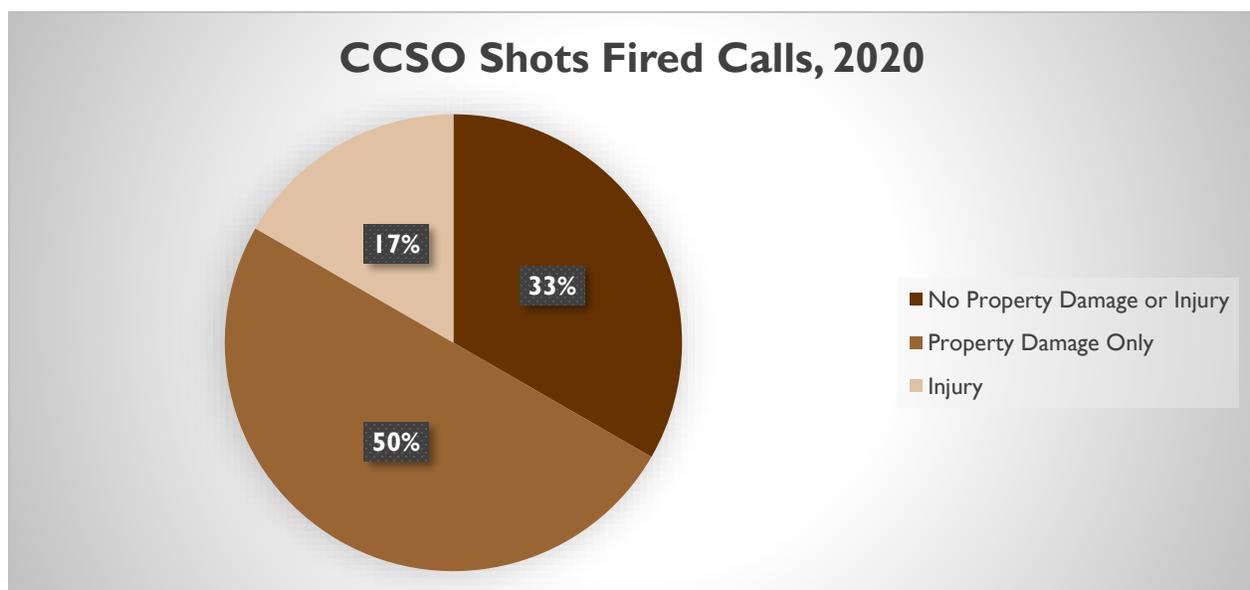
Investigations Statistics

In 2020, our Investigations Division investigated approximately 199 crimes of a wide variety, including property crimes, crimes against persons, financial crimes, and homicides. Some cases are automatically assigned to the Investigations Division while others are referred to Investigations by the Patrol Division. This is generally due to the complexity of the case.

There were 405 Uniform Crime Report offenses investigated between the Investigations and Patrol divisions in 2020.



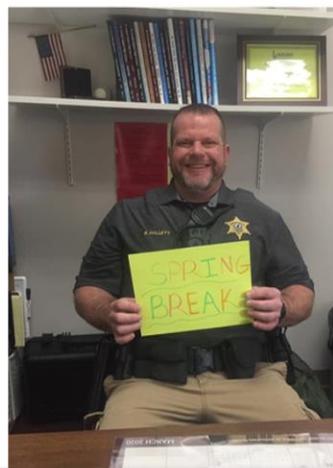
The Sheriff's Office also investigated 24 incidents in 2020 where there was evidence of shots being fired (property damage, shell casings, injured persons, etc.) in county jurisdiction.



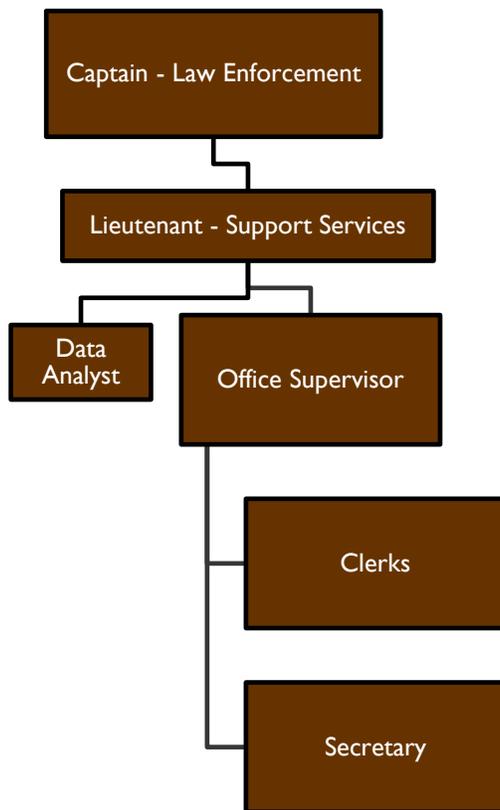
School Resource Officers

The Sheriff's Office has two School Resource Officers (SRO). The role of a SRO is to not only be present in schools in case of an incident, but more importantly to create a mentoring relationship with students through day-to-day contact. Deputy Franzen has served the Unity school district since 2005 while Deputy Hallett has served the St. Joseph & Prairieview-Ogden school districts since 2019.

These SROs also coordinate with the school districts to help prepare plans in the case of an emergency. Both Deputy Franzen and Deputy Hallett are active in the school districts both on and off duty.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



Under the leadership of Lt. Dave Sherrick and Office Supervisor Sarah Goodwin, the Administrative Services Division is likely the first point of contact someone will have when coming to the Sheriff's Office. In addition to this vital customer service role, the Division enters, processes, and maintains Sheriff's Office records including warrants, traffic citations, orders of protection and other civil papers. The Administrative Services team works diligently to ensure accurate records are processed in a timely fashion.

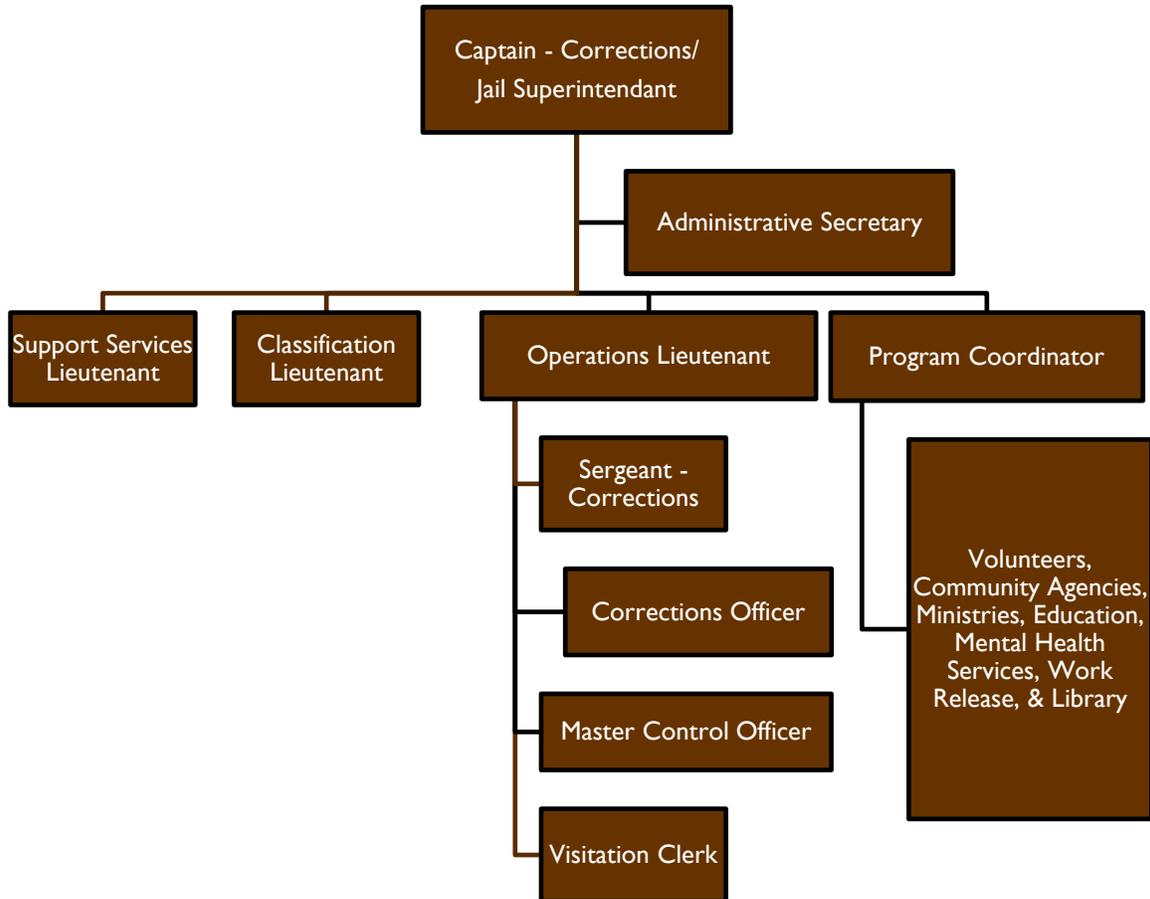
A Data Analyst position was added to the Administrative Services Division in 2019 to help better collect and analyze crime & jail statistics, among other data. The Data Analyst spent most of her time in 2020 refining processes and data points to retrieve the most accurate data possible from our existing resources. She has also started exploring what additional resources might help us use this data in a more productive way. This data is very important in helping to

advise the Sheriff and his office how to best utilize their resources and evaluate whether additional resources are needed to help address community issues and trends.

In 2020, the Administrative Services Division processed 6,323 civil papers, 2,443 warrants and 3,395 traffic citations and warnings, among accomplishing various other tasks.



CORRECTIONS DIVISION



Under the leadership of the Jail Superintendent, Captain Karee Voges, Champaign County has two facilities for inmates – the Downtown jail and the Satellite jail. All those arrested in Champaign County on state charges come to the Champaign County Jail. Over the last few years, the jail has seen an increase in mental health and medical needs of inmates, which it is required by law to address. While the Sheriff's Office does not have a say in who is arrested by other departments or who is remanded to custody by a Judge, we are required to adequately address inmate needs while in custody as well as provide a safe and secure environment for both inmates and correctional staff.



We realized early in the COVID-19 pandemic that if the virus became community-spread, and arrestees come from within the community, then some will inevitably have the virus. From the beginning of the pandemic we put processes in place to mitigate the virus entering the jails. Some of these mitigation efforts included collaboration with the judiciary and State's Attorney to continuously evaluate who is in the jail, collaboration with local agencies to issue Notice to Appear in lieu of making a physical arrest, when possible, and putting a 14-day quarantine process in place before inmates enter the general population. These efforts have helped keep COVID-19 from the general jail population.

COVID-19 reinforced the need for renovation of the Satellite Jail. Space issues and current jail layout made isolation of asymptomatic inmates very difficult. We were, however, able to isolate inmates that presented with symptoms of COVID-19. We continue to work closely with the C-U Public Health District to ensure we are doing all we can to keep COVID-19 out of the jail. 724 inmate tests and 132 staff tests were conducted for COVID-19 in 2020.

Corrections staff continue to be a crucial aspect of COVID-19 mitigation protocols. They screen for COVID-19 symptoms and potential exposure upon an arrestee's intake, quickly act if an inmate starts showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19 while in custody, and tolerate an N-95 mask throughout their entire shift (in addition to other pieces of personal protective equipment they are sometimes required to wear during their shifts).

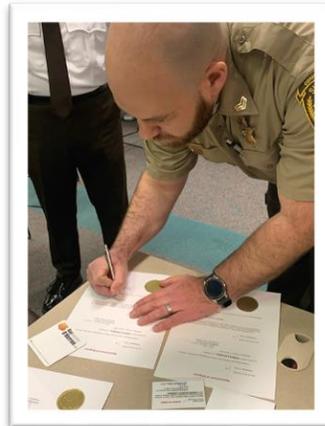


Personnel Changes

In 2020, Corrections had several personnel changes. Congratulations to Lt. Robert Cravens and Correctional Officer Matthew McCallister for entering retirement!



Sheriff Heuerman had an opportunity to promote Correctional Officer Gregory Hesselman and Correctional Officer Deron Richler to Corrections Sergeant and Sergeant Joshua Sapp to Corrections Lieutenant.



Sheriff Heuerman swore in six new Correctional Officers. Once hired, these officers attend a five-week corrections academy and undergo months of field training at the jails before being released on their own.



Sheriff Heuerman also hired one full-time and three part-time Master Control Officers. These "Controllers" operate the doors at the jails and help ensure safety for the Correctional Officers, inmates, and other staff.

Correctional Officer of the Year

More is asked of our Correctional Officers today than ever before. Not only are correctional officers charged with supervising inmates who are in the jails, but they are also responsible for the physical and mental wellbeing of inmates. Correctional Officers today have to be not only physically capable of doing the job, but also mentally capable. Characteristics of an effective Correctional Officer include excellent communication and reasoning skills, as well as the ability to remain professional and unbiased regardless of the inmate or the inmate's behavior.

Correctional Officer Marcus Paige was the Sheriff's Office's Correctional Officer of the Year and displays all of these qualities on a daily basis.



Corrections Statistics

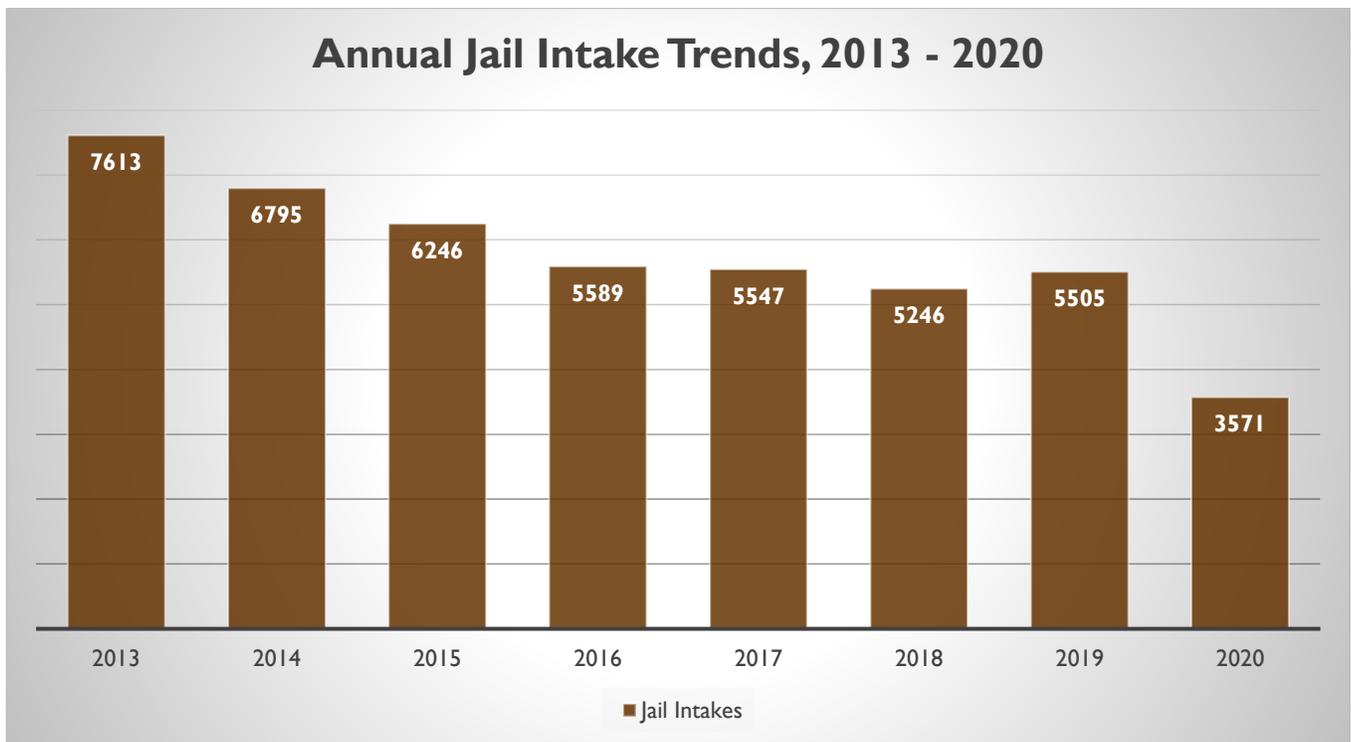
A total of 3,571 inmate bookings were processed in 2020. 3,106 of these were arrests made by law enforcement officers in Champaign County and 465 were the result of sentencing. Many of the arrestees who are brought to the jail by law enforcement either bond out immediately or shortly after arraignment when their bond is set.

The top charges in 2020 by either an on-view arrest or arrest with a Champaign County warrant were:

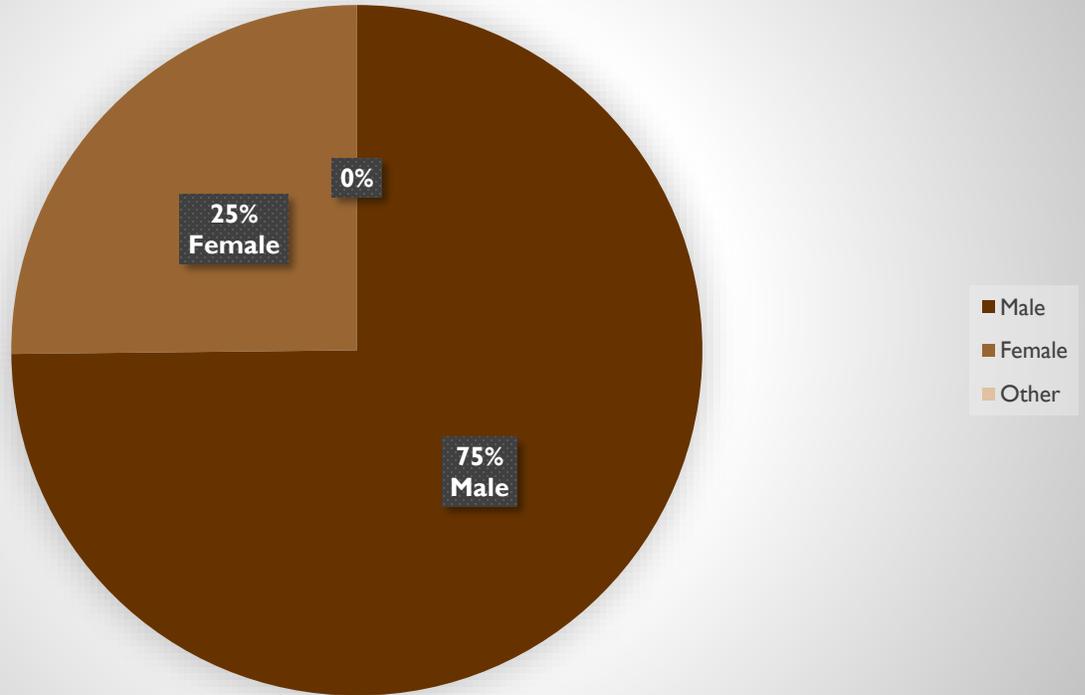
- Domestic Battery/Aggravated Domestic Battery (24%)
- Driving Under the Influence (13%)
- Driving while License Suspended or Revoked (12%)

(NOTE: In many cases arrestees were charged with multiple offenses per arrest.)

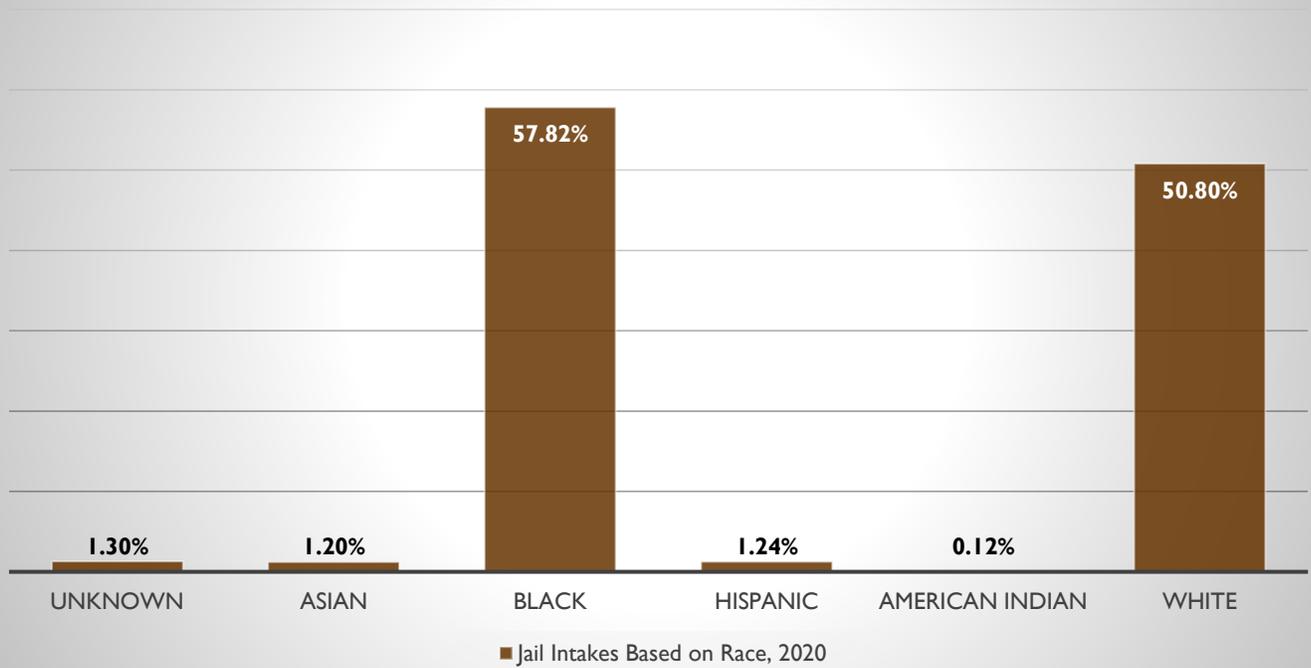
There were also 256 arrests for warrants issued out of Champaign County.



Jail Intakes Based on Gender, 2020

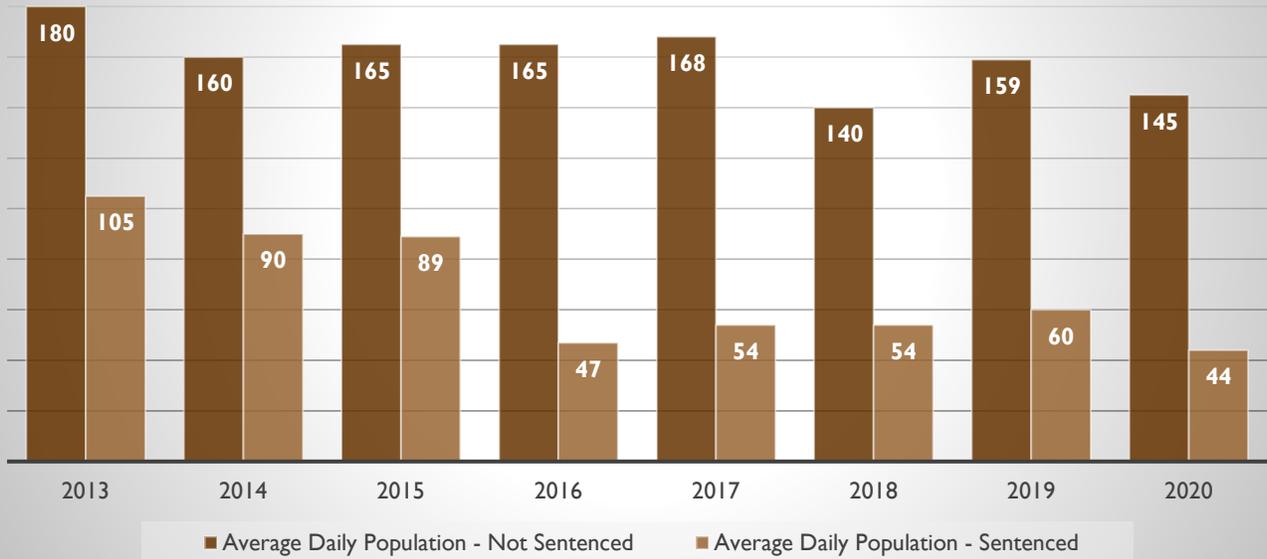


Jail Intakes Based on Race, 2020

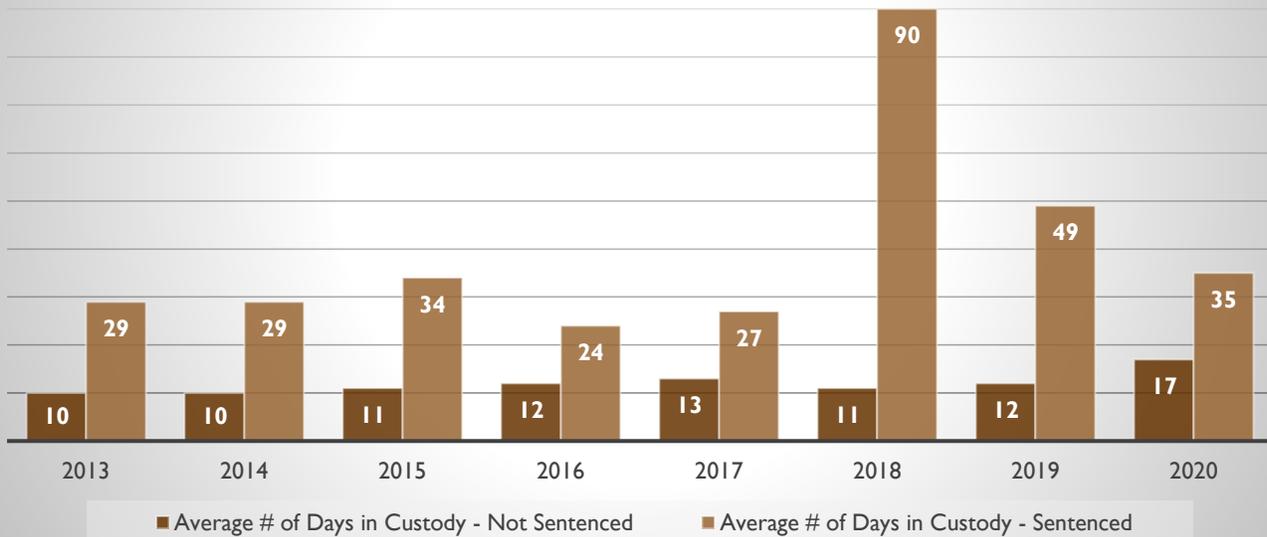


Average Daily Population Jail Trends, 2013 - 2020

(Does not include electronic home detention)



Average # of Days in Custody Trends, 2013 - 2020



Electronic Home Detention (EHD)

Some offenders who are sentenced by the Court can participate in our EHD program. This program is for nonviolent offenders and allows the offender to still work in the community while serving their sentence at home. Coordinated by Officer Kevin McCallister, the location of offenders in this program is electronically monitored and participants are held accountable for strict guidelines, including random checks by Sheriff's Office staff. If found to be in noncompliance with the established, agreed upon rules of the program, the offender will spend their remaining sentence in the jail.

The average number of EHD clients per month in 2020 was 19.

Who's In Jail?

It can be very difficult to get the "whole picture" of arrestees that come to the Champaign County Jail. Except for those arrested for federal crimes, every person who is arrested in Champaign County is brought to the Champaign County Jail. Most arrestees who are brought to jail are released in a short amount of time. Some, however, are required to see a judge before their bond is set so the judge can determine their public safety and flight risks. These include anyone charged with a felony or domestic battery. The majority of those who spend extended time in jail are charged with violent felony offenses.

Over the past year, the Sheriff's Office has been trying to increase transparency of who is in the jail by regularly updating and publishing a variety of reports. Because of a new Jail Management System that we implemented in 2020, these reports may be different than some are used to seeing.

Below are some reports from 2020 that help show the jail population.

(NOTE: We are still fine-tuning our reporting to accurately list the amount of bond set. If a report shows bond as "Not Set," the actual bond can be looked up on the [Jail Records Portal](#).)

Here is a link to everyone who was arrested and brought to the Champaign County Jail in 2020:

[2020 Inmate Bookings](#)

Here is a link to those who are currently in-custody at the Champaign County Jail, along with how long they have been in custody (updated daily):

[Jail Census Report](#)

Here is a link to those who were brought to the Champaign County Jail within the last 24-hour period (updated daily). It also shows if the person was brought in on a warrant or original charge:

[Inmate Bookings Report](#)

If you are interested in the jail population, and the offenses for which people are arrested, regularly checking these documents can be a great source of information.

Corrections Programs

The philosophy of Champaign County Corrections is that programs should be offered for inmates who want to leave jail in a better state than when they came to jail. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 saw a temporary reduction in programs being offered to inmates. Below are programs typically offered at the jail.

MEN'S PROGRAMS

- Christian Church Services
- Christian Bible Study
- GED
- Anger Management
- Movie Critic Class/Discussion
- Bilingual Bible Study
- Mindfulness Training
- GROW (*Mental Health & Wellness Support Group*)
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Celebrate Recovery (*faith-based addiction recovery*)
- Individual Bible Study
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy
- Muslim Prayer Session
- The Power of Man (*religion-based transformational session*)
- Parenting Class
- Money Management Course

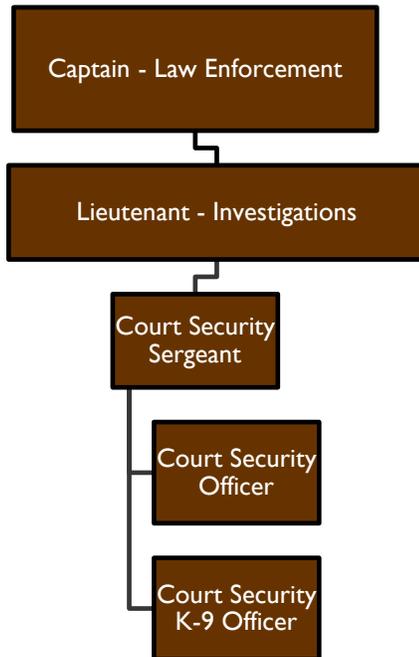
WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

- Movie Critic Class/Discussion
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Christian Church Services
- The Art of the Kingdom (*religion-based art project*)
- Christian Recovery Program
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Parenting Class
- Zentangle Art Class

POTENTIAL FUTURE PROGRAMS

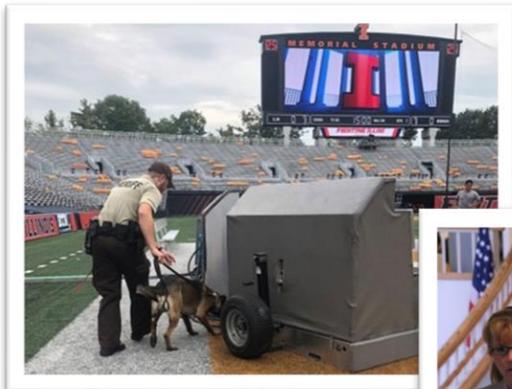
- Food & Nutrition
- New Jail Ministry
- Muslim Class
- Motivational Interviewing
- Barber
- Business class
- Writing class

COURT SECURITY DIVISION



Under the leadership of Lt. Curt Apperson and Sgt. Michelle Mennenga, the Court Security Division is responsible for maintaining a safe courthouse. By law, the Sheriff is required either to attend or have a representative present in every county court proceeding that occurs in Champaign County.

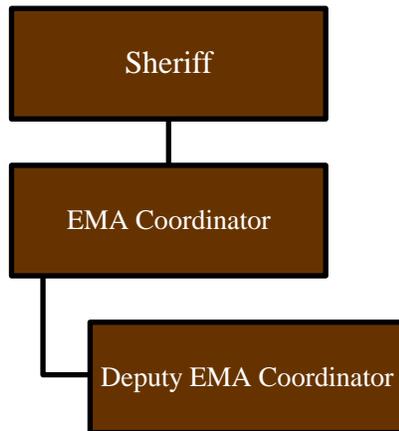
There are thirteen Court Security Officers covering eleven courtrooms and the screening area at the front doors of the courthouse. Court Security also includes an explosives K-9 which can frequently be seen patrolling the inside and outside of the building. As one of only two explosives detection K-9s in the area, our K-9 also assists neighboring departments helping to ensure special events are safe.



Personnel Changes

In 2020, Officer Shane Allen transferred from the Corrections Division to the Court Security Division.

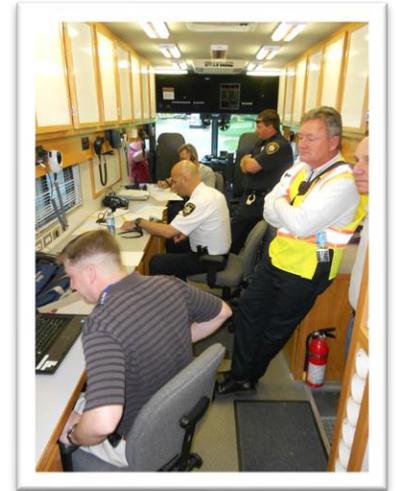
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



In Champaign County, the Champaign County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) falls under the leadership of the Sheriff. EMA has two full time employees.

One of the major functions of EMA is to coordinate with municipalities in Champaign County for emergency/disaster

preparedness. EMA also works closely with the local hospitals and other healthcare facilities to help them prepare for emergencies.



Champaign County EMA has a mobile command center that can be on location of an emergency or disaster in a short amount of time and helps support a coordinated response. EMA also maintains one of the two Emergency Operations Centers in Champaign County, which is activated during times of disaster or emergency.

Highlights from EMA in 2020 include:

- Spearheaded upgrading warning siren system for automatic activation instead of manual activation.
- Distributed over 180,000 pieces of personal protective equipment to local first responders, hospitals & schools.
- Helped coordinate 8 community events including ongoing COVID testing sites and helped them to be “weather aware” for safe operations.
- Maintained a virtual Emergency Operations Center from March through December to support community COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.
- Responded to 3 search and rescue calls staffed by volunteers.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the community for its support! Throughout 2020, a variety of individuals and organizations came to the Sheriff's Office to show their support for our challenging profession. Here are some pictures that were taken.



GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

As we look forward to 2021, the Sheriff's Office has several goals. While impossible to highlight all of them here, below are a few things we will work on in 2021:

- Increase recruitment of diverse employees;
- Increase employee training;
- Work with legislators on police reform legislation that helps provide equality to the criminal justice system without jeopardizing public safety;
- Pilot using a social worker to reduce law enforcement response to “persons in crisis;”
- Reduce the number of accidents on Champaign County roadways;
- Increase community policing in rural areas of the County;
- Increase community engagement and collaboration.

LEARNING FROM THE PAST



CHANGING FOR THE FUTURE